

Medicare Claims Processing Manual

Chapter 18 - Preventive and Screening Services

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1 - Medicare Preventive and Screening Services

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The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA) amended the definition of “Preventive Services” available in Medicare and included two additional preventive physical examination services: the initial preventive physical examination (IPPE) and the annual wellness visit (AWV).

The definition of preventive services and the corresponding table of services are reflective of preventive services available in Medicare as of January 1, 2011.

1.1 – Definition of Preventive Services

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Section 4104 of the ACA revised section 1861(ddd) of the Social Security Act (the Act) to add subsection (3), which defines the term “preventive services” as follows:

- The specific services currently listed in section 1861(ww)(2) of the Act with the explicit exclusion of electrocardiograms (as specified in section 1861(ww)(2)(M) of the Act).
- The Initial Preventive Physical Examination (IPPE), also known as the “Welcome to Medicare” Preventive Examination, established by section 611 of the MMA; and
- The Annual Wellness Visit (AWV), including Personalized Prevention Plan Services (PPPS), as specified by section 1861(hhh) of the Act, as added by section 4103 of the ACA.
- Additional preventive services identified for coverage through the national coverage determination (NCD) process.

(Refer to the CMS Web site at http://www.cms.gov/ncd/index_list.asp?list_type=nca for current NCD information).

1.2 – Table of Preventive and Screening Services

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| Service | CPT/ HCPCS Code | Long Descriptor | USPSTF Rating | Coins./ Deductible |
|---|-----------------------|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Initial Preventive Physical Examination, IPPE | G0402 | Initial preventive physical examination; face to face visits, services limited to new beneficiary during the first 12 months of Medicare enrollment | *Not Rated | WAIVED |
| | G0403 | Electrocardiogram, routine ECG with 12 leads; performed as a screening for the initial preventive physical examination with interpretation and report | | Not Waived |
| | G0404 | Electrocardiogram, routine ECG with 12 leads; tracing only, without interpretation and report, performed as a screening for the initial preventive physical examination | | Not Waived |
| | G0405 | Electrocardiogram, routine ECG with 12 leads; interpretation and report only, performed as a screening for the initial preventive physical examination | | Not Waived |
| Ultrasound Screening for Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm (AAA) | G0389 | Ultrasound, B-scan and /or real time with image documentation; for abdominal aortic aneurysm (AAA) ultrasound screening | B | WAIVED |
| Cardiovascular Disease | 80061 | Lipid panel | A | WAIVED |

| Service | CPT/ HCPCS Code | Long Descriptor | USPSTF Rating | Coins./ Deductible |
|---|-----------------------|--|-------------------|-----------------------|
| | 82465 | Cholesterol, serum or whole blood, total | | WAIVED |
| | 83718 | Lipoprotein, direct measurement; high density cholesterol (hdl cholesterol) | | WAIVED |
| | 84478 | Triglycerides | | WAIVED |
| Diabetes Screening Tests | 82947 | Glucose; quantitative, blood (except reagent strip) | B | WAIVED |
| | 82950 | Glucose; post glucose dose (includes glucose) | | WAIVED |
| | 82951 | Glucose; tolerance test (gtt), three specimens (includes glucose) | *Not Rated | WAIVED |
| Diabetes Self-Management Training Services (DSMT) | G0108 | Diabetes outpatient self-management training services, individual, per 30 minutes | *Not Rated | Not Waived |
| | G0109 | Diabetes outpatient self-management training services, group session (2 or more), per 30 minutes | | Not Waived |
| Medical Nutrition Therapy (MNT) Services | 97802 | Medical nutrition therapy; initial assessment and intervention, individual, face-to-face with the patient, each 15 minutes | B | WAIVED |
| | 97803 | Medical nutrition therapy; re-assessment and intervention, individual, face-to-face with the patient, each 15 minutes | | WAIVED |
| | 97804 | Medical nutrition therapy; group (2 or more individual(s)), each 30 minutes | | WAIVED |

| Service | CPT/ HCPCS Code | Long Descriptor | USPSTF Rating | Coins./ Deductible |
|--------------------|--------------------------------|---|--------------------------|-------------------------------|
| | G0270 | Medical nutrition therapy; reassessment and subsequent intervention(s) following second referral in same year for change in diagnosis, medical condition or treatment regimen (including additional hours needed for renal disease), individual, face to face with the patient, each 15 minutes | B | WAIVED |
| | G0271 | Medical nutrition therapy, reassessment and subsequent intervention(s) following second referral in same year for change in diagnosis, medical condition, or treatment regimen (including additional hours needed for renal disease), group (2 or more individuals), each 30 minutes | | WAIVED |
| Screening Pap Test | G0123 | Screening cytopathology, cervical or vaginal (any reporting system), collected in preservative fluid, automated thin layer preparation, screening by cytotechnologist under physician supervision | A | WAIVED |
| | G0124 | Screening cytopathology, cervical or vaginal (any reporting system), collected in preservative fluid, automated thin layer preparation, requiring interpretation by physician | | WAIVED |

| Service | CPT/ HCPCS Code | Long Descriptor | USPSTF Rating | Coins./ Deductible |
|----------------|--------------------------------|---|--------------------------|-------------------------------|
| | G0141 | Screening cytopathology smears, cervical or vaginal, performed by automated system, with manual rescreening, requiring interpretation by physician | A | WAIVED |
| | G0143 | Screening cytopathology, cervical or vaginal (any reporting system), collected in preservative fluid, automated thin layer preparation, with manual screening and rescreening by cytotechnologist under physician supervision | A | WAIVED |
| | G0144 | Screening cytopathology, cervical or vaginal (any reporting system), collected in preservative fluid, automated thin layer preparation, with screening by automated system, under physician supervision | A | WAIVED |
| | G0145 | Screening cytopathology, cervical or vaginal (any reporting system), collected in preservative fluid, automated thin layer preparation, with screening by automated system and manual rescreening under physician supervision | A | WAIVED |
| | G0147 | Screening cytopathology smears, cervical or vaginal, performed by automated system under physician supervision | A | WAIVED |

| Service | CPT/ HCPCS Code | Long Descriptor | USPSTF Rating | Coins./ Deductible |
|-----------------------|--------------------------------|---|--------------------------|-------------------------------|
| | G0148 | Screening cytopathology smears, cervical or vaginal, performed by automated system with manual rescreening | A | WAIVED |
| | P3000 | Screening papanicolaou smear, cervical or vaginal, up to three smears, by technician under physician supervision | | WAIVED |
| | P3001 | Screening papanicolaou smear, cervical or vaginal, up to three smears, requiring interpretation by physician | | WAIVED |
| | Q0091 | Screening papanicolaou smear; obtaining, preparing and conveyance of cervical or vaginal smear to laboratory | | WAIVED |
| Screening Pelvic Exam | G0101 | Cervical or vaginal cancer screening; pelvic and clinical breast examination | A | WAIVED |
| Screening Mammography | 77052 | Computer-aided detection (computer algorithm analysis of digital image data for lesion detection) with further physician review for interpretation, with or without digitization of film radiographic images; screening mammography (list separately in addition to code for primary procedure) | B | WAIVED |

| Service | CPT/ HCPCS Code | Long Descriptor | USPSTF Rating | Coins./ Deductible |
|-----------------------|--------------------------------|---|--------------------------|-------------------------------|
| | 77057 | Screening mammography, bilateral (2-view film study of each breast) | B | WAIVED |
| | G0202 | Screening mammography, producing direct digital image, bilateral, all views | | WAIVED |
| Bone Mass Measurement | G0130 | Single energy x-ray absorptiometry (sexa) bone density study, one or more sites; appendicular skeleton (peripheral) (e.g., radius, wrist, heel) | B | WAIVED |
| | 77078 | Computed tomography, bone mineral density study, 1 or more sites; axial skeleton (e.g., hips, pelvis, spine) | | WAIVED |
| | 77079 | Computed tomography, bone mineral density study, 1 or more sites; appendicular skeleton (peripheral) (e.g., radius, wrist, heel) | | WAIVED |
| | 77080 | Dual-energy x-ray absorptiometry (dxa), bone density study, 1 or more sites; axial skeleton (e.g., hips, pelvis, spine) | | WAIVED |
| | 77081 | Dual-energy x-ray absorptiometry (dxa), bone density study, 1 or more sites; appendicular skeleton (peripheral) (e.g., radius, wrist, heel) | | WAIVED |
| | 77083 | Radiographic absorptiometry (e.g., photo densitometry, radiogrammetry), 1 or more sites | | WAIVED |

| Service | CPT/ HCPCS Code | Long Descriptor | USPSTF Rating | Coins./ Deductible |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------|---|-------------------|---------------------------------|
| | 76977 | Ultrasound bone density measurement and interpretation, peripheral site(s), any method | | WAIVED |
| Colorectal Cancer Screening | G0104 | Colorectal cancer screening; flexible sigmoidoscopy | A | WAIVED |
| | G0105 | Colorectal cancer screening; colonoscopy on individual at high risk | | WAIVED |
| | G0106 | Colorectal cancer screening; alternative to G0104, screening sigmoidoscopy, barium enema | *Not Rated | Coins. Applies & Ded. is waived |
| | G0120 | Colorectal cancer screening; alternative to G0105, screening colonoscopy, barium enema. | | Coins. Applies & Ded. is waived |
| | G0121 | Colorectal cancer screening; colonoscopy on individual not meeting criteria for high risk | A | WAIVED |
| | 82270 | Blood, occult, by peroxidase activity (e.g., guaiac), qualitative; feces, consecutive | | WAIVED |
| | G0328 | Colorectal cancer screening; fecal occult blood test, immunoassay, 1-3 simultaneous | | WAIVED |
| Prostate Cancer Screening | G0102 | Prostate cancer screening; digital rectal examination | D | Not Waived |
| | G0103 | Prostate cancer screening; prostate specific antigen test (PSA) | | WAIVED |

| Service | CPT/ HCPCS Code | Long Descriptor | USPSTF Rating | Coins./ Deductible |
|----------------------------|-----------------------|---|------------------|-----------------------|
| Glaucoma Screening | G0117 | Glaucoma screening for high risk patients furnished by an optometrist or ophthalmologist | I | Not Waived |
| | G0118 | Glaucoma screening for high risk patient furnished under the direct supervision of an optometrist or ophthalmologist | | Not Waived |
| Influenza Virus Vaccine | 90654 | <i>Influenza virus vaccine, split virus, preservative free, for intradermal use, for adults ages 18-64</i> | B | WAIVED |
| | 90655 | Influenza virus vaccine, split virus, preservative free, when administered to children 6-35 months of age, for intramuscular use | | WAIVED |
| | 90656 | Influenza virus vaccine, split virus, preservative free, when administered to individuals 3 years and older, for intramuscular use | | WAIVED |
| | 90657 | Influenza virus vaccine, split virus, when administered to children 6-35 months of age, for intramuscular use | | WAIVED |
| | 90660 | Influenza virus vaccine, live, for intranasal use | | WAIVED |
| | 90662 | Influenza virus vaccine, split virus, preservative free, enhanced immunogenicity via increased antigen content, for intramuscular use | | WAIVED |

| Service | CPT/ HCPCS Code | Long Descriptor | USPSTF Rating | Coins./ Deductible |
|---------|-----------------------|--|------------------|-----------------------|
| | <i>Q2034</i> | <i>Influenza virus vaccine, split virus, for intramuscular use (Agriflu)</i> | | <i>WAIVED</i> |
| | Q2035 | Influenza virus vaccine, split virus, when administered to individuals 3 years of age and older, for intramuscular use (afluria) | | WAIVED |
| | Q2036 | Influenza virus vaccine, split virus, when administered to individuals 3 years of age and older, for intramuscular use (flulaval) | | WAIVED |
| | Q2037 | Influenza virus vaccine, split virus when administered to individuals 3 years of age and older, for intramuscular use (fluvirin) | | WAIVED |
| | Q2038 | Influenza virus vaccine, split virus, when administered to individuals 3 years of age and older, for intramuscular use (fluzone) | | WAIVED |
| | Q2039 | Influenza virus vaccine, split virus, when administered to individuals 3 years of age and older, for intramuscular use (not otherwise specified) | | WAIVED |
| | G0008 | Administration of influenza virus vaccine | | WAIVED |

| Service | CPT/ HCPCS Code | Long Descriptor | USPSTF Rating | Coins./ Deductible |
|----------------------|-----------------------|--|------------------|-----------------------|
| | G9141 | Influenza A (H1N1) immunization administration (includes the physician counseling the patient/family) | | WAIVED |
| | G9142 | Influenza A (H1N1) Vaccine, any route of administration | | WAIVED |
| Pneumococcal Vaccine | 90669 | Pneumococcal conjugate vaccine, polyvalent, when administered to children younger than 5 years, for intramuscular use | B | WAIVED |
| | 90670 | Pneumococcal conjugate vaccine, 13 valent, for intramuscular use. | | WAIVED |
| | 90732 | Pneumococcal polysaccharide vaccine, 23-valent, adult or immunosuppressed patient dosage, when administered to individuals 2 years or older, for subcutaneous or intramuscular use | | WAIVED |
| | G0009 | Administration of pneumococcal vaccine | | WAIVED |
| Hepatitis B Vaccine | 90740 | Hepatitis B vaccine, dialysis or immunosuppressed patient dosage (3 dose schedule), for intramuscular use | A | WAIVED |
| | 90743 | Hepatitis B vaccine, adolescent (2 dose schedule), for intramuscular use | | WAIVED |
| | 90744 | Hepatitis B vaccine, pediatric/adolescent dosage (3 dose schedule), for intramuscular use | | WAIVED |

| Service | CPT/ HCPCS Code | Long Descriptor | USPSTF Rating | Coins./ Deductible |
|-------------------|--------------------------------|--|--------------------------|-------------------------------|
| | 90746 | Hepatitis B vaccine, adult dosage, for intramuscular use | | WAIVED |
| | 90747 | Hepatitis B vaccine, dialysis or immunosuppressed patient dosage (4 dose schedule), for intramuscular use | | WAIVED |
| | G0010 | Administration of hepatitis B vaccine | A | WAIVED |
| HIV Screening | G0432 | Infectious agent antigen detection by enzyme immunoassay (EIA) technique, qualitative or semi-qualitative, multiple-step method, HIV-1 or HIV-2, screening | A | WAIVED |
| | G0433 | Infectious agent antigen detection by enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay (ELISA) technique, antibody, HIV-1 or HIV-2, screening | | WAIVED |
| | G0435 | Infectious agent antigen detection by rapid antibody test of oral mucosa transudate, HIV-1 or HIV-2 , screening | | WAIVED |
| Smoking Cessation | G0436 | Smoking and tobacco cessation counseling visit for the asymptomatic patient; intermediate, greater than 3 minutes, up to 10 minutes | A | WAIVED |
| | G0437 | Smoking and tobacco cessation counseling visit for the asymptomatic patient intensive, greater than 10 minutes | | WAIVED |

| Service | CPT/ HCPCS Code | Long Descriptor | USPSTF Rating | Coins./ Deductible |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Annual Wellness Visit | G0438 | Annual wellness visit, including PPPS, first visit | *Not Rated | WAIVED |
| | G0439 | Annual wellness visit, including PPPS, subsequent visit | | WAIVED |

1.3 – Waiver of Cost Sharing Requirements of Coinsurance, Copayment and Deductible for Furnished Preventive Services Available in Medicare

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Section 4104(b)(4) of the ACA, amends section 1833(a)(1) of the Act, by requiring 100 percent payment for the IPPE, AWV and for those preventive services recommended by the United States Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF) with a grade of A or B for any indication or population and that are appropriate for the individual.

Waiver of Coinsurance and Copayment for Preventive Services and Screenings

This requirement waives any coinsurance or copayment that would otherwise be applicable under section 1833(a)(1) of the Act for those items and services listed in section 1861(w)(2) of the Act (excluding electrocardiograms) to which the USPSTF has given a grade of A or B. In addition, section 4103(c)(1) of the Affordable Care Act waives the coinsurance or copayment for the AWV.

The coinsurance or copayment represents the beneficiary's share of the payment to the provider or supplier for furnished services. Coinsurance generally refers to a percentage (for example, 20 percent) of the Medicare payment rate for which the beneficiary is liable and is applicable under the PFS, while copayment generally refers to an established amount that the beneficiary must pay that is not necessarily related to a particular percentage of the Medicare payment, and is applicable under the hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS).

Waiver of Deductible for Preventive Services and Screening

Section 4104(b) of the Affordable Care Act amends section 1833(b)(1) of the Act to waive the deductible for preventive services described in subparagraph (A) of section 1861(ddd)(3) of the Act that have a grade of A or B from the USPSTF. In addition, section 4103(c)(1) of the Affordable Care Act waives the deductible for the AWV. These provisions are effective for services furnished on and after January 1, 2011. Section 101(b)(2) of the MIPPA amended section 1833(b) of the Act to waive the deductible for the IPPE effective January 1, 2009.

NOTE: Not all preventive services allowed in Medicare and recommended by the USPSTF have a Grade of A or B, and therefore, some of the preventive services do not meet the criteria in sections 1833(a)(1) and (b)(1) of the Act for the waiver of deductible and coinsurance. Refer to the Preventive Services Table in section 5.2, of this section, for specific USPSTF ratings for preventive services.

10 - Pneumococcal Pneumonia, Influenza Virus, and Hepatitis B Vaccines

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For Carriers/AB MACs, Part B of Medicare pays 100 percent of the Medicare allowed amount for pneumococcal vaccines and influenza virus vaccines and their administration.

Part B deductible and coinsurance do not apply for pneumococcal and influenza virus vaccine.

Part B of Medicare also covers the hepatitis B vaccine and its administration. Part B deductible and coinsurance **do** apply for hepatitis B vaccine.

State laws governing who may administer pneumococcal and influenza virus vaccinations and how the vaccines may be transported vary widely. Medicare contractors should instruct physicians, suppliers, and providers to become familiar with State regulations for all vaccines in the areas where they will be immunizing.

10.1 - Coverage Requirements

(Rev. 1586, Issued: 09-05-08, Effective: 10-06-08, Implementation: 10-06-08)

Pneumococcal vaccine, influenza virus vaccine, and hepatitis B vaccine and their administration are covered only under Medicare Part B, regardless of the setting in which they are furnished, even when provided to an inpatient during a hospital stay covered under Part A.

See Pub. 100-02, Medicare Benefit Policy Manual, chapter 15, for additional coverage requirements for pneumococcal vaccine, hepatitis B vaccine, and influenza virus vaccine.

10.1.1 - Pneumococcal Vaccine

(Rev. 1586, Issued: 09-05-08, Effective: 10-06-08, Implementation: 10-06-08)

Effective for services furnished on or after July 1, 2000, Medicare does not require for coverage purposes, that a doctor of medicine or osteopathy order the pneumococcal vaccine and its administration. Therefore, the beneficiary may receive the vaccine upon request without a physician's order and without physician supervision.

See Pub. 100-02, Medicare Benefit Policy Manual, chapter 15, section 50.4.4.2 for additional coverage requirements for pneumococcal vaccine.

A. Frequency of Pneumococcal Vaccinations

Typically, the pneumococcal vaccine is administered once in a lifetime. Claims are paid for beneficiaries who are at high risk of pneumococcal disease and have not received the pneumococcal vaccine within the last 5 years or are revaccinated because they are unsure of their vaccination status.

An initial pneumococcal vaccination may be administered only to persons at high risk (see below) of pneumococcal disease. Revaccination may be administered only to persons at highest risk of serious pneumococcal infection and those likely to have a rapid decline in pneumococcal antibody levels, provided that at least 5 years have passed since receipt of a previous dose of pneumococcal vaccine.

B. High Risk of Pneumococcal Disease

Persons at high risk for whom an initial vaccine may be administered include:

- All people age 65 and older;
- Immunocompetent adults who are at increased risk of pneumococcal disease or its complications because of chronic illness (e.g., cardiovascular disease, pulmonary disease, diabetes mellitus, alcoholism, cirrhosis, or cerebrospinal fluid leaks); and
- Individuals with compromised immune systems (e.g., splenic dysfunction or anatomic asplenia, Hodgkin's disease, lymphoma, multiple myeloma, chronic renal failure, Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) infection, nephrotic syndrome, sickle cell disease, or organ transplantation).

Persons at highest risk and those most likely to have rapid declines in antibody levels are those for whom revaccination may be appropriate. This group includes persons with functional or anatomic asplenia (e.g., sickle cell disease, splenectomy), HIV infection, leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkin's disease, multiple myeloma, generalized malignancy, chronic renal failure, nephrotic syndrome, or other conditions associated with immunosuppression such as organ or bone marrow transplantation, and those receiving immunosuppressive chemotherapy. Routine revaccinations of people age 65 or older that are not at highest risk are not appropriate.

Those administering the vaccine should not require the patient to present an immunization record prior to administering the pneumococcal vaccine, nor should they feel compelled to review the patient's complete medical record if it is not available. Instead, if the patient is competent, it is acceptable for them to rely on the patient's verbal history to determine prior vaccination status. If the patient is uncertain about their vaccination history in the past 5 years, the vaccine should be given. However, if the patient is certain he/she was vaccinated in the last 5 years, the vaccine should not be given. If the patient is certain that the vaccine was given and that more than 5 years have

passed since receipt of the previous dose, revaccination is not appropriate unless the patient is at highest risk.

10.1.2 - Influenza Virus Vaccine

(Rev. 2253, Issued: 07-08-11, Effective: 08-08-11, Implementation: 08-08-11)

Effective for services furnished on or after May 1, 1993, the influenza virus vaccine and its administration is covered when furnished in compliance with any applicable State law. Typically, this vaccine is administered once a flu season. Medicare does not require for coverage purposes that a doctor of medicine or osteopathy order the vaccine. Therefore, the beneficiary may receive the vaccine upon request without a physician's order and without physician supervision. Since there is no yearly limit, contractors determine whether such services are reasonable and allow payment if appropriate.

See Pub. 100-02, Medicare Benefit Policy Manual, Chapter 15, Section 50.4.4.2 for additional coverage requirements for influenza virus vaccine.

10.1.3 - Hepatitis B Vaccine

(Rev. 1, 10-01-03)

Effective for services furnished on or after September 1, 1984, the hepatitis B vaccine and its administration is covered if it is ordered by a doctor of medicine or osteopathy and is available to Medicare beneficiaries who are at high or intermediate risk of contracting hepatitis B, e.g., exposed to hepatitis B.

See the Medicare Benefit Policy Manual, Chapter 15, for additional coverage requirements for hepatitis B vaccines to high risk and intermediate risk groups.

10.2 - Billing Requirements

(Rev. 1586, Issued: 09-05-08, Effective: 10-06-08, Implementation: 10-06-08)

A Edits Not Applicable to Pneumococcal or Influenza Virus Vaccine Bills and Their Administration

The Common Working File (CWF) and shared systems bypass all Medicare Secondary Payer (MSP) utilization edits in CWF on all claims when the only service provided is pneumococcal or influenza virus vaccine and/or their administration. This waiver does not apply when other services (e.g., office visits) are billed on the same claim as pneumococcal or influenza virus vaccinations. If the provider knows or has reason to believe that a particular group health plan covers pneumococcal or influenza virus vaccine and their administration, and all other MSP requirements for the Medicare beneficiary are met, the primary payer must be billed.

First claim development alerts from CWF are not generated for pneumococcal or influenza virus vaccines. However, first claim development is performed if other services are submitted along with pneumococcal or development is performed if other services are submitted along with pneumococcal or influenza virus vaccines.

See Pub. 100-05, Medicare Secondary Payer Manual, chapters 4 and 5, for responsibilities for MSP development where applicable.

B Fiscal Intermediary (FI)/AB MAC Bills

Chapter 25 of this manual provides general billing instructions that must be followed for bills submitted to FIs/AB MACs.

The following “providers of services” may administer and bill the FI/AB MACs for these vaccines:

- Hospitals;
- Critical Access Hospitals (CAHs);
- Skilled Nursing Facilities (SNFs);
- Home Health Agencies (HHAs);
- Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facilities (CORFs); and
- Indian Health Service (IHS)/Tribally owned and/or operated hospitals and hospital-based facilities.

Other billing entities that may bill the FIs/AB MACs are:

- Independent Renal Dialysis Facilities (RDFs).

All providers bill the FIs/AB MACs for hepatitis B on Form CMS-1450. Providers other than independent RHCs and freestanding FQHCs bill the FIs/AB MACs for influenza virus and pneumococcal vaccinations on Form CMS-1450. (See §10.2.2.2 of this chapter for special instructions for independent RHCs and freestanding FQHCs and §10.2.4 of this chapter for hospice instruction.)

FIs/AB MACs instruct providers, other than independent RHCs and freestanding FQHCs, to bill for the vaccines and their administration on the same bill. Separate bills for vaccines and their administration are not required. The only exceptions to this rule occur when the vaccine is administered during the course of an otherwise covered home health visit since the vaccine or its administration is not included in the visit charge. (See §10.2.3 of this chapter).

C Carrier/AB MAC Claims

1 Billing for Additional Services

If a physician sees a beneficiary for the sole purpose of administering the influenza virus vaccine, the pneumococcal vaccine, and/or the hepatitis B vaccine, they may not routinely bill for an office visit. However, if the beneficiary actually receives other services constituting an “office visit” level of service, the physician may bill for a visit in addition to the vaccines and their administration, and Medicare will pay for the visit in addition to the vaccines and their administration if it is reasonable and medically necessary.

2 Nonparticipating Physicians and Suppliers

Nonparticipating physicians and suppliers (including local health facilities) that do not accept assignment may collect payment from the beneficiary for the administration of the vaccines, but must submit an unassigned claim on the beneficiary’s behalf. Effective for claims with dates of service on or after February 1, 2001, per §114 of the Benefits Improvement and Protection Act of 2000, all drugs and biologicals must be paid based on mandatory assignment. Therefore, regardless of whether the physician and supplier usually accept assignment, they must accept assignment for the vaccines, may not collect any fee up front, and must submit the claim for the beneficiary.

Entities, such as local health facilities, that have never submitted Medicare claims must obtain a National Provider Identifier (NPI) for Part B billing purposes.

3 Separate Claims for Vaccine and Their Administration

In situations in which the vaccine and the administration are furnished by two different entities, the entities should submit separate claims. For example, a supplier (e.g., a pharmacist) may bill separately for the vaccine, using the Healthcare Common Procedural Coding System (HCPCS) code for the vaccine, and the physician or supplier (e.g., a drugstore) who actually administers the vaccine may bill separately for the administration, using the HCPCS code for the administration. This procedure results in contractors receiving two claims, one for the vaccine and one for its administration.

For example, when billing for influenza virus vaccine administration only, billers should list only HCPCS code G0008 in block 24D of the Form CMS-1500. When billing for the influenza virus vaccine only, billers should list only HCPCS code 90658 in block 24D of the Form CMS-1500. The same applies for pneumococcal and hepatitis B billing using pneumococcal and hepatitis B HCPCS codes.

10.2.1 - Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) and Diagnosis Codes

(Rev. 2446, Issued: 04-26-12, Effective: 07-01-12, Implementation: 10-01-12)

Vaccines and their administration are reported using separate codes. The following codes are for reporting the vaccines only.

HCPCS Definition

HCPCS Definition

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| <i>Q2034</i> | <i>Influenza virus vaccine, split virus, for intramuscular use (Agrimflu)</i> |
| 90654 | Influenza virus vaccine, split virus, preservative-free, for intradermal use, for adults ages 18 – 64; |
| 90655 | Influenza virus vaccine, split virus, preservative free, for children 6-35 months of age, for intramuscular use; |
| 90656 | Influenza virus vaccine, split virus, preservative free, for use in individuals 3 years and above, for intramuscular use; |
| 90657 | Influenza virus vaccine, split virus, for children 6-35 months of age, for intramuscular use; |
| 90658 | Influenza virus vaccine, split virus, for use in individuals 3 years of age and above, for intramuscular use; |
| 90660 | Influenza virus vaccine, live, for intranasal use; |
| 90662 | Influenza virus vaccine, split virus, preservative free, enhanced immunogenicity via increased antigen content, for intramuscular use |
| 90669 | Pneumococcal conjugate vaccine, polyvalent, for children under 5 years, for intramuscular use |
| 90670 | Pneumococcal conjugate vaccine, 13 valent, for intramuscular use |
| 90732 | Pneumococcal polysaccharide vaccine, 23-valent, adult or immunosuppressed patient dosage, for use in individuals 2 years or older, for subcutaneous or intramuscular use; |
| 90740 | Hepatitis B vaccine, dialysis or immunosuppressed patient dosage (3 dose schedule), for intramuscular use; |
| 90743 | Hepatitis B vaccine, adolescent (2 dose schedule), for intramuscular use; |
| 90744 | Hepatitis B vaccine, pediatric/adolescent dosage (3 dose schedule), for intramuscular use; |
| 90746 | Hepatitis B vaccine, adult dosage, for intramuscular use; and |
| 90747 | Hepatitis B vaccine, dialysis or immunosuppressed patient dosage (4 dose schedule), for intramuscular use. |

The following codes are for reporting administration of the vaccines only. The administration of the vaccines is billed using:

HCPCS Definition

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|--------|---|
| G0008 | Administration of influenza virus vaccine; |
| G0009 | Administration of pneumococcal vaccine; and |
| *G0010 | Administration of hepatitis B vaccine. |

- *90471 Immunization administration. (For OPPS hospitals billing for the hepatitis B vaccine administration)
- *90472 Each additional vaccine. (For OPPS hospitals billing for the hepatitis B vaccine administration)

*** NOTE:** For claims with dates of service prior to January 1, 2006, OPPS and non-OPPS hospitals report G0010 for hepatitis B vaccine administration. For claims with dates of service January 1, 2006 until December 31, 2010, OPPS hospitals report 90471 or 90472 for hepatitis B vaccine administration as appropriate in place of G0010. Beginning January 1, 2011, providers should report G0010 for billing under the OPPS rather than 90471 or 90472 to ensure correct waiver of coinsurance and deductible for the administration of hepatitis B vaccine.

One of the following diagnosis codes must be reported as appropriate. If the sole purpose for the visit is to receive a vaccine or if a vaccine is the only service billed on a claim the applicable following diagnosis code may be used.

| Diagnosis Code | Description |
|-----------------------|----------------------------|
| V03.82 | Pneumococcus |
| V04.81** | Influenza |
| V06.6*** | Pneumococcus and Influenza |
| V05.3 | Hepatitis B |

**Effective for influenza virus claims with dates of service October 1, 2003 and later.

***Effective October 1, 2006, providers may report diagnosis code V06.6 on claims for pneumococcus and/or influenza virus vaccines when the purpose of the visit was to receive both vaccines.

If a diagnosis code for pneumococcus, hepatitis B, or influenza virus vaccination is not reported on a claim, contractors may not enter the diagnosis on the claim. Contractors must follow current resolution processes for claims with missing diagnosis codes.

If the diagnosis code and the narrative description are correct, but the HCPCS code is incorrect, the carrier or intermediary may correct the HCPCS code and pay the claim. For example, if the reported diagnosis code is V04.81 and the narrative description (if annotated on the claim) says "flu shot" but the HCPCS code is incorrect, contractors may change the HCPCS code and pay for the flu vaccine. Effective October 1, 2006, carriers/AB MACs should follow the instructions in Pub. 100-04, Chapter 1, Section 80.3.2.1.1 (Carrier Data Element Requirements) for claims submitted without a HCPCS code.

Claims for hepatitis B vaccinations must report the I.D. Number of the referring physician. In addition, if a doctor of medicine or osteopathy does not order the influenza virus vaccine, the intermediary claims require:

- UPIN code SLF000 to be reported on claims submitted prior to May 23, 2008, when Medicare began accepting NPIs, only
- The provider's own NPI to be reported in the NPI field for the attending physician on claims submitted on or after May 23, 2008, when NPI requirements were implemented.

10.2.2 - Bills Submitted to FIs/AB MACs

(Rev. 1586, Issued: 09-05-08, Effective: 10-06-08, Implementation: 10-06-08)

The applicable types of bills acceptable when billing for influenza virus and pneumococcal vaccines are 12X, 13X, 22X, 23X, 34X, 72X, 75X, 83X and 85X.

The following revenue codes are used for reporting vaccines and administration of the vaccines for all providers except RHCs and FQHCs. Independent and provider based RHCs and FQHCs follow §10.2.2.2 below when billing for influenza virus, pneumococcal and hepatitis B vaccines.

Units and HCPCS codes are required with revenue code 0636:

| Revenue Code | Description |
|--------------|--|
| 0636 | Pharmacy, Drugs requiring detailed coding (a) |
| 0771 | Preventive Care Services, Vaccine Administration |

In addition, for the influenza virus vaccine, providers report condition code M1 in Form Locator (FLs) 24-30 when roster billing. See roster billing instructions in §10.3 of this chapter.

When vaccines are provided to inpatients of a hospital or SNF, they are covered under the vaccine benefit. However, the hospital bills the FI on bill type 12X using the discharge date of the hospital stay or the date benefits are exhausted. A SNF submits type of bill 22X for its Part A inpatients.

10.2.2.1 - FI/AB MAC Payment for Pneumococcal Pneumonia Virus, Influenza Virus, and Hepatitis B Virus Vaccines and Their Administration

(Rev. 1586, Issued: 09-05-08, Effective: 10-06-08, Implementation: 10-06-08)

Payment for Vaccines

Payment for all of these vaccines is on a reasonable cost basis for hospitals, home health agencies (HHAs), skilled nursing facilities (SNFs), critical access hospitals (CAHs), and hospital-based renal dialysis facilities (RDFs). Payment for comprehensive outpatient rehabilitation facilities (CORFs), Indian Health Service hospitals (IHS), IHS CAHs and independent RDFs is based on 95 percent of the average wholesale price (AWP). Section 10.2.4 of this chapter contains information on payment of these vaccines when provided by RDFs or hospices. See §10.2.2.2 for payment to independent and provider- based Rural Health Centers and Federally Qualified Health Clinics.

Payment for these vaccines is as follows:

| Facility | Type of Bill | Payment |
|--|---------------------|-----------------|
| Hospitals, other than Indian Health Service (IHS) Hospitals and Critical Access Hospitals (CAHs) | 12x, 13x | Reasonable cost |
| IHS Hospitals | 12x, 13x, 83x | 95% of AWP |
| IHS CAHs | 85x | 95% of AWP |
| CAHs | 85x | Reasonable cost |
| Method I and Method II | | |
| Skilled Nursing Facilities | 22x, 23x | Reasonable cost |
| Home Health Agencies | 34x | Reasonable cost |
| Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facilities | 75x | 95% of the AWP |
| Independent Renal Dialysis Facilities | 72x | 95% of the AWP |
| Hospital-based Renal Dialysis Facilities | 72x | Reasonable cost |

Payment for Vaccine Administration

Payment for the administration of influenza virus and pneumococcal vaccines is as follows:

| Facility | Type of Bill | Payment |
|-----------------|---------------------|----------------|
|-----------------|---------------------|----------------|

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|---|---------------|--|
| Hospitals, other than IHS Hospitals and CAHs | 12x, 13x | Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS) for hospitals subject to OPPS Reasonable cost for hospitals not subject to OPPS |
| IHS Hospitals | 12x, 13x, 83x | MPFS as indicated in guidelines below. |
| IHS CAHs | 85x | MPFS as indicated in guidelines below. |
| CAHs | 85x | Reasonable cost |
| Method I and II | | |
| Skilled Nursing Facilities | 22x, 23x | MPFS as indicated in the guidelines below |
| Home Health Agencies | 34x | OPPS |
| Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facilities | 75x | MPFS as indicated in the guidelines below |
| Independent RDFs | 72x | MPFS as indicated in the guidelines below |
| Hospital-based RDFs | 72x | Reasonable cost |

Guidelines for pricing pneumococcal and influenza virus vaccine administration under the MPFS.

Make reimbursement based on the rate in the MPFS associated with the CPT code 90782 or 90471 as follows:

| HCPCS code | Effective prior to March 1, 2003 | Effective on and after March 1, 2003 |
|-------------------|---|---|
| G0008 | 90782 | 90471 |
| G0009 | 90782 | 90471 |

See §10.2.2.2 for payment to independent and provider based Rural Health Centers and Federally Qualified Health Clinics.

Payment for the administration of hepatitis B vaccine is as follows:

| Facility | Type of Bill | Payment |
|--|---------------------|---|
| Hospitals other than IHS hospitals and CAHs | 12x, 13x | Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS) for hospitals subject to OPPS Reasonable cost for hospitals not subject to OPPS |
| IHS Hospitals | 12x, 13x, 83x | MPFS as indicated in the guidelines below |
| CAHs | 85x | Reasonable cost |
| Method I and II | | |
| IHS CAHs | 85x | MPFS as indicated in guidelines below. |
| Skilled Nursing Facilities | 22x, 23x | MPFS as indicated in the chart below |
| Home Health Agencies | 34x | OPPS |
| Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facilities | 75x | MPFS as indicated in the guidelines below |
| Independent RDFs | 72x | MPFS as indicated in the chart below |
| Hospital-based RDFs | 72x | Reasonable cost |

Guidelines for pricing hepatitis B vaccine administration under the MPFS.

Make reimbursement based on the rate in the MPFS associated with the CPT code 90782 or 90471 as follows:

| HCPCS code | Effective prior to March 1, 2003 | Effective on and after March 1, 2003 |
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See §10.2.2.2 for payment to independent and provider based Rural Health Centers and Federally Qualified Health Clinics.

10.2.2.2 - Special Instructions for Independent and Provider-Based Rural Health Clinics/Federally Qualified Health Center (RHCs/FQHCs) (Rev. 1586, Issued: 09-05-08, Effective: 10-06-08, Implementation: 10-06-08)

Independent and provider-based RHCs and FQHCs do not include charges for influenza virus and pneumococcal vaccines on Form CMS-1450. Administration of these vaccines does not count as a visit when the only service involved is the administration of influenza virus and/or pneumococcal vaccine(s). If there was another reason for the visit, the RHC/FQHC should bill for the visit without adding the cost of the influenza virus and pneumococcal vaccines to the charge for the visit on the bill. FIs/AB MACs pay at the time of cost settlement and adjust interim rates to account for this additional cost if they determine that the payment is more than a negligible amount.

Payment for the hepatitis B vaccine is included in the all-inclusive rate. However, RHCs/FQHCs do not bill for a visit when the only service involved is the administration of the hepatitis B vaccine. As with other vaccines administered during an otherwise payable encounter, no line items specifically for this service are billed on the RHC/FQHC claims in addition to the encounter.

10.2.3 - Bills Submitted to Regional Home Health Intermediaries (RHHIs) (Rev. 1586, Issued: 09-05-08, Effective: 10-06-08, Implementation: 10-06-08)

The following provides billing instructions for Home Health Agency (HHAs) in various situations:

- Where the sole purpose for an HHA visit is to administer a vaccine (influenza virus, pneumococcal, or hepatitis B), Medicare will not pay for a skilled nursing visit by an HHA nurse under the HHA benefit. However, the vaccine and its administration are covered under the vaccine benefit. The administration should include charges only for the supplies being used and the cost of the injection. RHHIs do not allow HHAs to charge for travel time or other expenses (e.g., gasoline). In this situation, the HHA bills under bill type 34X and reports revenue code 0636 along with the appropriate HCPCS code for the vaccine and revenue code 0771 along with the appropriate HCPCS code for the administration.

NOTE: A separate bill is not allowed for the visit

- If a vaccine (influenza virus, pneumococcal, or hepatitis B) is administered during the course of an otherwise covered home health visit (e.g., to perform wound

care), the visit would be covered as normal but the HHA must not include the vaccine or its administration in their visit charge. In this case, the HHA is entitled to payment for the vaccine and its administration under the vaccine benefit. In this situation, the HHA bills under bill type 34X and reports revenue code 0636 along with the appropriate HCPCS code for the vaccine and revenue code 0771 along with the appropriate HCPCS code for the administration.

NOTE: A separate bill is required for the visit

- Where a beneficiary does **not** meet the eligibility criteria for home health coverage, a home health nurse may be paid for the vaccine (influenza virus, pneumococcal, or hepatitis B) and its administration. No skilled nursing visit charge is billable. Administration of the services should include charges only for the supplies being used and the cost of the injection. RHHIs do not pay for travel time or other expenses (e.g., gasoline). In this situation, the HHA bills under bill type 34X and reports revenue code 0636 along with the appropriate HCPCS code for the vaccine and revenue code 0771 along with the appropriate HCPCS code for the administration.

If a beneficiary meets the eligibility criteria for coverage, but his or her spouse does not, and the spouse wants an injection the same time as a nursing visit, HHAs bill in accordance with the bullet point above.

10.2.4 - Bills Submitted by Hospices and Payment Procedures for Renal Dialysis Facilities (RDF)

(Rev. 1586, Issued: 09-05-08, Effective: 10-06-08, Implementation: 10-06-08)

Hospices can provide the influenza virus, pneumococcal, and hepatitis B vaccines to those beneficiaries who request them including those who have elected the hospice benefit. These services may be covered when furnished by the hospice. Services for the vaccines should be billed to the local carrier/AB MAC on the Form CMS-1500. Payment is made using the same methodology as if they were a supplier. Hospices that do not have a supplier number should contact their local carrier/AB MAC to obtain one in order to bill for these benefits.

FIs/AB MACs pay for pneumococcal, influenza virus, and hepatitis B virus vaccines for freestanding Renal Dialysis facilities (RDFs) based on the lower of the actual charge or 95 percent of the average wholesale price and based on reasonable cost for provider-based RDFs. Deductible and coinsurance do not apply for influenza virus and pneumococcal vaccines. FIs/AB MACs must contact their carrier/AB MAC to obtain information in order to make payment for the administration of these vaccines.

Deductible and coinsurance apply for hepatitis B vaccine.

10.2.4.1 - Hepatitis B Vaccine Furnished to ESRD Patients

(Rev. 1586, Issued: 09-05-08, Effective: 10-06-08, Implementation: 10-06-08)

Hepatitis B vaccine and its administration (including staff time and supplies such as syringes) are paid to ESRD facilities in addition to, and separately from, the dialysis composite rate payment.

Payment for the hepatitis B vaccine for ESRD patients follows the same general principles that are applicable to any injectable drug or biological. Hospital-based facilities are paid for their direct and indirect costs on a reasonable cost basis, and independent facilities are paid the lower of the actual charge or 95 percent of the AWP. The allowance for injectables is based on the cost of the injectable and any supplies used for administration, plus a maximum \$2 for the labor involved, if the facility's staff administers the vaccine. In addition, the FI/AB MAC makes an appropriate allowance for facility overhead.

Where the vaccine is administered in a hospital outpatient department for home dialysis patients or for patients with chronic renal failure (but not yet on dialysis), payment is on a reasonable cost basis. Outpatient hospital vaccines for nondialysis purposes are paid under hospital outpatient PPS rules.

10.2.5 - Claims Submitted to Carriers/AB MACs

(Rev. 1586, Issued: 09-05-08, Effective: 10-06-08, Implementation: 10-06-08)

Medicare does not require that the influenza virus vaccine be administered under a physician's order or supervision. Effective for claims with dates of service on or after July 1, 2000, Medicare does not require that pneumococcal vaccinations be administered under a physician's order or supervision. Medicare still requires that the hepatitis B vaccine be administered under a physician's order with supervision. As a physician order is still required for claims for hepatitis B vaccinations, information on the ordering and/or referring physician must be entered on the claim.

A. Reporting Specialty Code/Place of Service (POS) to CWF Specialty

Contractors use specialty code 60 (Public Health or Welfare Agencies (Federal, State, and Local)) for Public Health Service Clinics (PHCs).

Contractors use specialty code 73 (Mass Immunization Roster Billers) for centralized billers and specialty code 87 for pharmacists (all other suppliers (drug stores, department stores)).

Entities and individuals other than PHCs and pharmacists use the CMS specialty code that best defines their provider type. A list of specialty codes can be found in chapter 26. The CMS specialty code 99 (Unknown Physician Specialty) is acceptable where no other code fits.

Place of Service (POS)

State or local PHCs use POS code 71 (State or Local Public Health Clinic). POS 71 is not used for individual offices/entities other than PHCs (e.g., a mobile unit that is non-PHC affiliated should use POS 99). Preprinted Form CMS-1500s (08-05) used for simplified roster billing should show POS 60 (Mass Immunization Center) regardless of the site where vaccines are given (e.g., a PHC or physician's office that roster claims should use POS 60). Individuals/entities administering influenza virus and pneumococcal vaccinations in a mass immunization setting (including centralized flu billers), regardless of the site where vaccines are given, should use POS 60 for roster claims, paper claims, and electronically filed claims.

Normal POS codes should be used in other situations.

Providers use POS 99 (Other Unlisted Facility) if no other POS code applies.

10.2.5.1 - Carrier/AB MAC Indicators for the Common Working File (CWF)

(Rev. 1586, Issued: 09-05-08, Effective: 10-06-08, Implementation: 10-06-08)

The carrier/AB MAC record submitted to CWF must contain the following indicators:

| Description | Payment Indicator | Payment | Deductible Indicator | Deductible | Type of Service |
|--------------------|--------------------------|----------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|------------------------|
| Pneumococcal | "1" | 100 percent | "1" | Zero deductible | "V" |
| Influenza | "1" | 100 percent | "1" | Zero deductible | "V" |
| Hepatitis B | "0" | 80 percent | "0" | Deductible applies | "1" |

A payment indicator of "1" represents 100 percent payment. A deductible indicator of "1" represents a zero deductible. A payment indicator of "0" represents 80 percent payment. A deductible indicator of "0" indicates that a deductible applies to the claim.

The record must also contain a "V" in the type of service field, which indicates that this is a pneumococcal or influenza virus vaccine. Carriers/AB MACs use a "1" in the type of service field which indicates medical care for a hepatitis B vaccine.

10.2.5.2 - Carrier/AB MAC Payment Requirements

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Payment for pneumococcal, influenza virus, and hepatitis B vaccines follows the same standard rules that are applicable to any injectable drug or biological. (See chapter 17 for procedures for determining the payment rates for pneumococcal and influenza virus vaccines.)

Effective for claims with dates of service on or after February 1, 2001, §114, of the Benefits Improvement and Protection Act of 2000 mandated that all drugs and biologicals be paid based on mandatory assignment. Therefore, all providers of influenza virus and pneumococcal vaccines must accept assignment for the vaccine.

Prior to March 1, 2003, the administration of pneumococcal, influenza virus, and hepatitis B vaccines, (HCPCS codes G0008, G0009, and G0010), though not reimbursed directly through the MPFS, were reimbursed at the same rate as HCPCS code 90782 on the MPFS for the year that corresponded to the date of service of the claim.

Prior to March 1, 2003, HCPCS codes G0008, G0009, and G0010 are reimbursed at the same rate as HCPCS code 90471. Assignment for the administration is not mandatory, but is applicable should the provider be enrolled as a provider type “Mass Immunization Roster Biller,” submits roster bills, or participates in the centralized billing program.

Carriers/AB MACs may not apply the limiting charge provision for pneumococcal, influenza virus vaccine, or hepatitis B vaccine and their administration in accordance with §§1833(a)(1) and 1833(a)(10)(A) of the Social Security Act (the Act.) The administration of the influenza virus vaccine is covered in the influenza virus vaccine benefit under §1861(s)(10)(A) of the Act, rather than under the physicians’ services benefit. Therefore, it is not eligible for the 10 percent Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA) incentive payment or the 5 percent Physician Scarcity Area (PSA) incentive payment.

No Legal Obligation to Pay

Nongovernmental entities that provide immunizations free of charge to all patients, regardless of their ability to pay, must provide the immunizations free of charge to Medicare beneficiaries and may not bill Medicare. (See Pub. 100-02, Medicare Benefit Policy Manual, chapter 16.) Thus, for example, Medicare may not pay for influenza virus vaccinations administered to Medicare beneficiaries if a physician provides free vaccinations to all non-Medicare patients or where an employer offers free vaccinations to its employees. Physicians also may not charge Medicare beneficiaries more for a vaccine than they would charge non-Medicare patients. (See §1128(b)(6)(A) of the Act.) When an employer offers free vaccinations to its employees, it must also offer the free vaccination to an employee who is also a Medicare beneficiary. It does not have to offer free vaccinations to its non-Medicare employees.

Nongovernmental entities that do not charge patients who are unable to pay or reduce their charges for patients of limited means, yet expect to be paid if the patient has health insurance coverage for the services provided, may bill Medicare and expect payment.

Governmental entities (such as PHCs) may bill Medicare for pneumococcal, hepatitis B, and influenza virus vaccines administered to Medicare beneficiaries when services are rendered free of charge to non-Medicare beneficiaries.

10.3 - Simplified Roster Claims for Mass Immunizers (Rev. 1586, Issued: 09-05-08, Effective: 10-06-08, Implementation: 10-06-08)

The simplified roster billing process was developed to enable Medicare beneficiaries to participate in mass pneumococcal and influenza virus vaccination programs offered by PHCs and other individuals and entities that give the vaccine to a group of beneficiaries, e.g. at PHCs, shopping malls, grocery stores, senior citizen homes, and health fairs. Roster billing is not available for hepatitis B vaccinations.

Properly licensed individuals and entities conducting mass immunization programs may submit claims using a simplified claims filing procedure known as roster billing to bill for the influenza virus vaccine benefit for multiple beneficiaries if they agree to accept assignment for these claims. They may not collect any payment from the beneficiary. Effective November 1, 1996, roster billing is also available to individuals and entities billing for pneumococcal vaccinations.

Effective July 1, 1998, immunization of at least five beneficiaries on the same date is no longer required for any individual or entity to qualify for roster billing to carriers. However, the rosters should not be used for single patient claims and the date of service for each vaccination administered must be entered.

Entities that submit claims on roster claims must accept assignment and may not collect any “donation” or other cost sharing of any kind from Medicare beneficiaries for pneumococcal or influenza virus vaccinations. However, the entity may bill Medicare for the amount, which is not subsidized from its own budget. For example, an entity that incurs a cost of \$7.50 per vaccination and pays \$2.50 of the cost from its budget may bill Medicare the \$5.00 cost which is not paid out of its budget.

A. Provider Enrollment Criteria for Mass Immunizers

Those entities and individuals that desire to provide mass immunization services, but may not otherwise be able to qualify as a Medicare provider, may be eligible to enroll as a provider type “Mass Immunization Roster Biller.”

These individuals and entities must enroll by completing the Provider/Supplier Enrollment Application, Form CMS-855. Individuals and entities that enroll as this provider type may not bill Medicare for any services other than pneumococcal and/or influenza virus vaccines and their administration. In addition, claims submitted by the provider type “Mass Immunization Roster Biller” are always reimbursed at the assigned payment rate.

B. Payment Floor for Roster Claims

Roster claims are considered paper claims and are not paid as quickly as electronic media claims (EMC). If available, offer electronic billing software free or at-cost to PHCs and other properly licensed individuals and entities. Contractors must ensure that the software is as user friendly as possible for the pneumococcal and influenza virus vaccine benefits.

C. Medicare Advantage Plans Processing Requirements

Medicare Advantage Plans may use roster billing only if vaccinations are the only Medicare-covered services furnished by the Medicare Advantage Plans to Medicare patients who are not members of the Medicare Advantage Plans. Medicare Advantage Plans must use Place of Service (POS) code 60 for processing roster claims.

10.3.1 - Roster Claims Submitted to Carriers/AB MACs for Mass Immunization

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If the PHC or other individual or entity qualifies to submit roster claims, it may use a preprinted Form CMS-1500 (08-05) that contains standardized information about the entity and the benefit. Key information from the beneficiary roster list and the abbreviated Form CMS-1500 (08-05) is used to process pneumococcal and influenza virus vaccination claims.

Separate Form CMS-1500 (08-05) claim forms, along with separate roster bills, must be submitted for pneumococcal and influenza roster billing.

If other services are furnished to a beneficiary along with pneumococcal or influenza virus vaccine, individuals and entities must submit claims using normal billing procedures, e.g., submission of a Form CMS-1500 (08-05) or electronic billing for each beneficiary.

Contractors must create and count one claim per beneficiary from roster bills. They must split claims for each beneficiary if there are multiple beneficiaries included in a roster bill. Providers must show the unit cost for one service on the claim. The contractor must replicate the claim for each beneficiary listed on the roster.

Contractors must provide Palmetto-Railroad Retirement Board (RRB) with local pricing files for pneumococcal and influenza virus vaccine and their administration. If PHCs or other individuals or entities inappropriately bill pneumococcal or influenza virus vaccinations using the roster billing method, contractors return the claim to the provider with a cover letter explaining why it is being returned and the criteria for the roster billing process. Contractors may not deny these claims.

Providers must retain roster bills with beneficiaries' signatures at their permanent location for a time period consistent with Medicare regulations.

A. Modified Form CMS-1500 (08-05) for Cover Document

Entities submitting roster claims to carriers/AB MACs must complete the following blocks on a single modified Form CMS-1500 (08-05), which serves as the cover document for the roster for each facility where services are furnished. In order for carriers/AB MACs to reimburse by correct payment locality, a separate Form CMS-1500 (08-05) must be used for each different facility or physical location where services are furnished.

- Item 1: An X in the Medicare block
- Item 2: (Patient's Name): "SEE ATTACHED ROSTER"
- Item 11: (Insured's Policy Group or FECA Number): "NONE"
- Item 20: (Outside Lab?): An "X" in the NO block
- Item 21: (Diagnosis or Nature of Illness):
 - Line 1: Choose appropriate diagnosis code from §10.2.1
- Item 24B: (Place of Service (POS)):
 - Line 1: "60"
 - Line 2: "60"
 - NOTE: POS Code "60" must be used for roster billing.
- Item 24D: (Procedures, Services or Supplies):
 - Line 1:
 - Pneumococcal vaccine: "90732"
 - or
 - Influenza Virus vaccine: "Select appropriate influenza virus vaccine code"
 - Line 2:
 - Pneumococcal vaccine Administration: "G0009"
 - or
 - Influenza Virus Vaccine Administration: "G0008"
- Item 24E: (Diagnosis Code):
 - Lines 1 and 2: "1"
- Item 24F: (\$ Charges): The entity must enter the charge for each listed service. If the entity is not charging for the vaccine or its administration, it should enter 0.00 or "NC" (no charge) on the appropriate line for that item. If

your system is unable to accept a line item charge of 0.00 for an immunization service, do not key the line item. Likewise, electronic media claim (EMC) billers should submit line items for free immunization services on EMC pneumococcal or influenza virus vaccine claims only if your system is able to accept them.

- Item 27: (Accept Assignment): An "X" in the YES block.
- Item 29: (Amount Paid): "\$0.00"
- Item 31: (Signature of Physician or Supplier): The entity's representative must sign the modified Form CMS-1500 (08-05).
- Item 32: Enter the name, address, and ZIP Code of the location where the service was provided (including centralized billers).
- Item 32a: Enter the NPI of the service facility as soon as it is available. The NPI may be reported on the Form CMS-1500 (08-05) as early as October 1, 2006.
- Item 33: (Physician's, Supplier's Billing Name): The entity must complete this item to include the Provider Identification Number (not the Unique Physician Identification Number) or NPI when required.
- Item 33a: Effective May 23, 2007, and later, enter the NPI of the billing provider or group. (The NPI may be reported on the Form CMS-1500 (08-05) as early as October 1, 2006.)

B. Format of Roster Claims

Qualifying individuals and entities must attach to the Form CMS-1500 (08-05) claim form, a roster which contains the variable claims information regarding the supplier of the service and individual beneficiaries. While qualifying entities must use the modified Form CMS-1500 (08-05) without deviation, contractors must work with these entities to develop a mutually suitable roster that contains the minimum data necessary to satisfy claims processing requirements for these claims. Contractors must key information from the beneficiary roster list and abbreviated Form CMS-1500 (08-05) to process pneumococcal and influenza virus vaccination claims.

The roster must contain at a minimum the following information:

- Provider name and number;
- Date of service;

NOTE: Although physicians who provide pneumococcal or influenza virus vaccinations may roster bill if they vaccinate fewer than five beneficiaries per day, they must include the individual date of service for each beneficiary's vaccination on the roster form.

- Control number for contractor;
- Patient's health insurance claim number;
- Patient's name;
- Patient's address;
- Date of birth;
- Patient's sex; and
- Beneficiary's signature or stamped "signature on file".

NOTE: A stamped "signature on file" qualifies as an actual signature on a roster claim form if the provider has a signed authorization on file to bill Medicare for services rendered. In this situation, the provider is not required to obtain the patient signature on the roster, but instead has the option of reporting signature on file in lieu of obtaining the patient's actual signature.

The pneumococcal roster must contain the following language to be used by providers as a precaution to alert beneficiaries prior to administering the pneumococcal vaccination.

WARNING: Beneficiaries must be asked if they have received a pneumococcal vaccination.

- Rely on patients' memory to determine prior vaccination status.
- If patients are uncertain whether they have been vaccinated within the past 5 years, administer the vaccine.

If patients are certain that they have been vaccinated within the past 5 years, **do not revaccinate.**

10.3.1.1 - Centralized Billing for Influenza Virus and Pneumococcal Vaccines to Medicare Carriers/AB MACs (Rev. 1586, Issued: 09-05-08, Effective: 10-06-08, Implementation: 10-06-08)

The CMS currently authorizes a limited number of providers to centrally bill for influenza virus and pneumococcal immunization claims. Centralized billing is an optional program available to providers who qualify to enroll with Medicare as the provider type "Mass Immunization Roster Biller," as well as to other individuals and entities that qualify to enroll as regular Medicare providers. Centralized billers must roster bill, must accept assignment, and must bill electronically.

To qualify for centralized billing, a mass immunizer must be operating in at least three payment localities for which there are three different contractors processing claims. Individuals and entities providing the vaccine and administration must be properly licensed in the State in which the immunizations are given and the contractor must verify this through the enrollment process.

Centralized billers must send all claims for influenza virus and pneumococcal immunizations to a single contractor for payment, regardless of the jurisdiction in which the vaccination was administered. (This does not include claims for the Railroad Retirement Board, United Mine Workers or Indian Health Services. These claims must continue to go to the appropriate processing entity.) Payment is made based on the payment locality where the service was provided. This process is only available for claims for the influenza virus and pneumococcal vaccines and their administration. The general coverage and coding rules still apply to these claims.

This section applies only to those individuals and entities that provide mass immunization services for influenza virus and pneumococcal vaccinations and that have been authorized by CMS to centrally bill. All other providers, including those individuals and entities that provide mass immunization services that are not authorized to centrally bill, must continue to bill for these claims to their regular carrier/AB MAC per the instructions in §10.3.1 of this chapter.

The claims processing instructions in this section apply only to the designated processing contractor. However, all carriers/AB MACs must follow the instructions in §10.3.1.1.J, below, “Provider Education Instructions for All Carriers/AB MACs.”

A. Processing Contractor

Trailblazers Health Enterprises is designated as the sole contractor for the payment of influenza virus and pneumococcal claims for centralized billers from October 1, 2000, through the length of the contract. The CMS central office will notify centralized billers of the appropriate contractor to bill when they receive their notification of acceptance into the centralized billing program.

B. Request for Approval

Approval to participate in the CMS centralized billing program is a two part approval process. Individuals and corporations who wish to enroll as a CMS mass immunizer centralized biller must send their request in writing. CMS will complete Part 1 of the approval process by reviewing preliminary demographic information included in the request for participation letter. Completion of Part 1 is not approval to set up vaccination clinics, vaccinate beneficiaries, and bill Medicare for reimbursement. All new participants must complete Part 2 of the approval process (Form CMS-855 Application) before they may set up vaccination clinics, vaccinate Medicare beneficiaries, and bill Medicare for reimbursement. If an individual or entity’s request is approved for centralized billing, the approval is limited to 12 months from September to August 31 of

the next year. It is the responsibility of the centralized biller to reapply for approval each year. The designated contractor shall provide in writing to CMS and approved centralized billers notification of completion and approval of Part 2 of the approval process. The designated contractor may not process claims for any centralized biller who has not completed Parts 1 and 2 of the approval process. If claims are submitted by a provider who has not received approval of Parts 1 and 2 of the approval process to participate as a centralized biller, the contractor must return the claims to the provider to submit to the local carrier/AB MAC for payment.

C. Notification of Provider Participation to the Processing Contractor

Before September 1 of every year, CMS will provide the designated contractor with the names of the entities that are authorized to participate in centralized billing for the 12 month period beginning September 1 and ending August 31 of the next year.

D. Enrollment

Though centralized billers may already have a Medicare provider number, for purposes of centralized billing, they must also obtain a provider number from the processing contractor for centralized billing through completion of the Form CMS-855 (Provider Enrollment Application). Providers/suppliers are encouraged to apply to enroll as a centralized biller early as possible. Applicants who have not completed the entire enrollment process and received approval from CMS and the designated contractor to participate as a Medicare mass immunizer centralized biller will not be allowed to submit claims to Medicare for reimbursement.

Whether an entity enrolls as a provider type “Mass Immunization Roster Biller” or some other type of provider, all normal enrollment processes and procedures must be followed. Authorization from CMS to participate in centralized billing is dependent upon the entity’s ability to qualify as some type of Medicare provider. In addition, as under normal enrollment procedures, the contractor must verify that the entity is fully qualified and certified per State requirements in each State in which they plan to operate.

The contractor will activate the provider number for the 12-month period from September 1 through August 31 of the following year. If the provider is authorized to participate in the centralized billing program the next year, the contractor will extend the activation of the provider number for another year. The entity need not re-enroll with the contractor every year. However, should there be changes in the States in which the entity plans to operate, the contractor will need to verify that the entity meets all State certification and licensure requirements in those new States.

E. Electronic Submission of Claims on Roster Bills

Centralized billers must agree to submit their claims on roster bills in an Electronic Media Claims standard format using the appropriate version of American National Standards Institute (ANSI) format. Contractors should refer to the appropriate ANSI

Implementation Guide to determine the correct location for this information on electronic claims. The processing contractor must provide instructions on acceptable roster billing formats to the approved centralized billers. Paper claims will not be accepted.

F. Required Information on Roster Bills for Centralized Billing

In addition to the roster billing instructions found in §10.3.1 of this chapter, centralized billers must complete on the electronic format the area that corresponds to Item 32 and 33 on Form CMS 1500 (08-05). The contractor must use the ZIP Code in Item 32 to determine the payment locality for the claim. Item 33 must be completed to report the provider of service/supplier's billing name, address, ZIP Code, and telephone number. In addition, the NPI of the billing provider or group must be appropriately reported.

For electronic claims, the name, address, and ZIP Code of the facility are reported in:

- The HIPAA compliant ANSI X12N 837: Claim level loop 2310D NM101=FA. When implemented, the facility (e.g., hospitals) NPI will be captured in the loop 2310D NM109 (NM108=XX) if one is available. Prior to NPI, enter the tax information in loop 2310D NM109 (NM108=24 or 34) and enter the Medicare legacy facility identifier in loop 2310D REF02 (REF01=1C). Report the address, city, state, and ZIP Code in loop 2310D N301 and N401, N402, and N403. Facility data is not required to be reported at the line level for centralized billing.

G. Payment Rates and Mandatory Assignment

The payment rates for the administration of the vaccinations are based on the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule (MPFS) for the appropriate year. Payment made through the MPFS is based on geographic locality. Therefore, payments vary based on the geographic locality where the service was performed.

The HCPCS codes G0008 and G0009 for the administration of the vaccines are not paid on the MPFS. However, prior to March 1, 2003, they must be paid at the same rate as HCPCS code 90782, which is on the MPFS. The designated contractor must pay per the correct MPFS file for each calendar year based on the date of service of the claim. Beginning March 1, 2003, HCPCS codes G0008, G0009, and G0010 are to be reimbursed at the same rate as HCPCS code 90471.

In order to pay claims correctly for centralized billers, the designated contractor must have the correct name and address, including ZIP Code, of the entity where the service was provided.

The following remittance advice and Medicare Summary Notice (MSN) messages apply:

Claim adjustment reason code 16, “Claim/service lacks information which is needed for adjudication. At least one Remark Code must be provided (may be comprised of either the Remittance Advice Remark Code or NCPDP Reject Reason Code.)”

and

Remittance advice remark code MA114, “Missing/incomplete/invalid information on where the services were furnished.”

and

MSN 9.4 - “This item or service was denied because information required to make payment was incorrect.”

The payment rates for the vaccines must be determined by the standard method used by Medicare for reimbursement of drugs and biologicals. (See chapter 17 for procedures for determining the payment rates for vaccines.)

Effective for claims with dates of service on or after February 1, 2001, §114, of the Benefits Improvement and Protection Act of 2000 mandated that all drugs and biologicals be paid based on mandatory assignment. Therefore, all providers of influenza virus and pneumococcal vaccines must accept assignment for the vaccine. In addition, as a requirement for both centralized billing and roster billing, providers must agree to accept assignment for the administration of the vaccines as well. This means that they must agree to accept the amount that Medicare pays for the vaccine and the administration. Also, since there is no coinsurance or deductible for the influenza virus and pneumococcal benefit, accepting assignment means that Medicare beneficiaries cannot be charged for the vaccination.

H. Common Working File Information

To identify these claims and to enable central office data collection on the project, special processing number 39 has been assigned. The number should be entered on the HUBC claim record to CWF in the field titled Demonstration Number.

I. Provider Education Instructions for the Processing Contractor

The processing contractor must fully educate the centralized billers on the processes for centralized billing as well as for roster billing. General information on influenza virus and pneumococcal coverage and billing instructions is available on the CMS Web site for providers.

J. Provider Education Instructions for All Carriers/AB MACs

By April 1 of every year, all carriers/AB MACs must publish in their bulletins and put on their Web sites the following notification to providers. Questions from interested providers should be forwarded to the central office address below. Carriers/AB MACs must enter the name of the assigned processing contractor where noted before sending.

NOTIFICATION TO PROVIDERS

Centralized billing is a process in which a provider, who provides mass immunization services for influenza virus and pneumococcal pneumonia virus (PPV) immunizations, can send all claims to a single contractor for payment regardless of the geographic locality in which the vaccination was administered. (This does not include claims for the Railroad Retirement Board, United Mine Workers or Indian Health Services. These claims must continue to go to the appropriate processing entity.) This process is only available for claims for the influenza virus and pneumococcal vaccines and their administration. The administration of the vaccinations is reimbursed at the assigned rate based on the Medicare physician fee schedule for the appropriate locality. The vaccines are reimbursed at the assigned rate using the Medicare standard method for reimbursement of drugs and biologicals.

Individuals and entities interested in centralized billing must contact CMS central office, in writing, at the following address by June 1 of the year they wish to begin centrally billing.

Center for Medicare & Medicaid Services
Division of Practitioner Claims Processing
Provider Billing and Education Group
7500 Security Boulevard
Mail Stop C4-10-07
Baltimore, Maryland 21244

By agreeing to participate in the centralized billing program, providers agree to abide by the following criteria.

CRITERIA FOR CENTRALIZED BILLING

- To qualify for centralized billing, an individual or entity providing mass immunization services for influenza virus and pneumococcal vaccinations must provide these services in at least three payment localities for which there are at least three different contractors processing claims.
- Individuals and entities providing the vaccine and administration must be properly licensed in the State in which the immunizations are given.
- Centralized billers must agree to accept assignment (i.e., they must agree to accept the amount that Medicare pays for the vaccine and the administration).

Since there is no coinsurance or deductible for the influenza virus and pneumococcal benefit, accepting assignment means that Medicare beneficiaries cannot be charged for the vaccination, i.e., beneficiaries may not incur any out-of-pocket expense. For example, a drugstore may not charge a Medicare beneficiary \$10 for an influenza virus vaccination and give the beneficiary a coupon for \$10 to be used in the drugstore.

NOTE: The practice of requiring a beneficiary to pay for the vaccination upfront and to file their own claim for reimbursement is inappropriate. All Medicare providers are required to file claims on behalf of the beneficiary per §1848(g)(4)(A) of the Social Security Act and centralized billers may not collect any payment.

- The contractor assigned to process the claims for centralized billing is chosen at the discretion of CMS based on such considerations as workload, user-friendly software developed by the contractor for billing claims, and overall performance. The assigned contractor for this year is [Fill in name of contractor.]
- The payment rates for the administration of the vaccinations are based on the Medicare physician fee schedule (MPFS) for the appropriate year. Payment made through the MPFS is based on geographic locality. Therefore, payments received may vary based on the geographic locality where the service was performed. Payment is made at the assigned rate.
- The payment rates for the vaccines are determined by the standard method used by Medicare for reimbursement of drugs and biologicals. Payment is made at the assigned rate.
- Centralized billers must submit their claims on roster bills in an approved Electronic Media Claims standard format. Paper claims will not be accepted.
- Centralized billers must obtain certain information for each beneficiary including name, health insurance number, date of birth, sex, and signature. [Fill in name of contractor] must be contacted prior to the season for exact requirements. The responsibility lies with the centralized biller to submit correct beneficiary Medicare information (including the beneficiary's Medicare Health Insurance Claim Number) as the contractor will not be able to process incomplete or incorrect claims.
- Centralized billers must obtain an address for each beneficiary so that a Medicare Summary Notice (MSN) can be sent to the beneficiary by the contractor. Beneficiaries are sometimes confused when they receive an MSN from a contractor other than the contractor that normally processes their claims which results in unnecessary beneficiary inquiries to the Medicare contractor. Therefore, centralized billers must provide every beneficiary

receiving an influenza virus or pneumococcal vaccination with the name of the processing contractor. This notification must be in writing, in the form of a brochure or handout, and must be provided to each beneficiary at the time he or she receives the vaccination.

- Centralized billers must retain roster bills with beneficiary signatures at their permanent location for a time period consistent with Medicare regulations. [Fill in name of contractor] can provide this information.
- Though centralized billers may already have a Medicare provider number, for purposes of centralized billing, they must also obtain a provider number from [Fill in name of contractor]. This can be done by completing the Form CMS-855 (Provider Enrollment Application), which can be obtained from [Fill in name of contractor].
- If an individual or entity's request for centralized billing is approved, the approval is limited to the 12 month period from September 1 through August 31 of the following year. It is the responsibility of the centralized biller to reapply to CMS CO for approval each year by June 1. Claims will not be processed for any centralized biller without permission from CMS.
- Each year the centralized biller must contact [Fill in name of contractor] to verify understanding of the coverage policy for the administration of the pneumococcal vaccine, and for a copy of the warning language that is required on the roster bill.
- The centralized biller is responsible for providing the beneficiary with a record of the pneumococcal vaccination.

The information in items 1 through 8 below must be included with the individual or entity's annual request to participate in centralized billing:

1. Estimates for the number of beneficiaries who will receive influenza virus vaccinations;
2. Estimates for the number of beneficiaries who will receive pneumococcal vaccinations;
3. The approximate dates for when the vaccinations will be given;
4. A list of the States in which influenza virus and pneumococcal clinics will be held;

5. The type of services generally provided by the corporation (e.g., ambulance, home health, or visiting nurse);
6. Whether the nurses who will administer the influenza virus and pneumococcal vaccinations are employees of the corporation or will be hired by the corporation specifically for the purpose of administering influenza virus and pneumococcal vaccinations;
7. Names and addresses of all entities operating under the corporation's application;
8. Contact information for designated contact person for centralized billing program.

10.3.2 - Claims Submitted to FIs/AB MACs for Mass Immunizations of Influenza Virus and Pneumococcal Vaccinations (Rev. 1586, Issued: 09-05-08, Effective: 10-06-08, Implementation: 10-06-08)

Some potential "mass immunizers," such as hospital outpatient departments and HHAs, have expressed concern about the complexity of billing for the influenza virus vaccine and its administration. Consequently, to increase the number of beneficiaries who obtain needed preventive immunizations, simplified (roster) billing procedures are available to mass immunizers. The simplified (roster) claims filing procedure has been expanded for the pneumococcal vaccine. A mass immunizer is defined as any entity that gives the influenza virus vaccine or pneumococcal vaccine to a group of beneficiaries, e.g., at public health clinics, shopping malls, grocery stores, senior citizen homes, and health fairs. To qualify for roster billing, immunizations of at least five beneficiaries on the same date are required. (See §10.3.2.2 for an exception to this requirement for inpatient hospitals.)

The simplified (roster) claims filing procedure applies to providers other than RHCs and FQHCs that conduct mass immunizations. Since independent and provider based RHCs and FQHCs do not submit individual Form CMS-1450s for the influenza virus vaccine, they do not utilize the simplified billing process. Instead, payment is made for the vaccine at the time of cost settlement.

The simplified process involves use of the provider billing form (Form CMS-1450) with preprinted standardized information relative to the provider and the benefit. Mass immunizers attach a standard roster to a single pre-printed Form CMS-1450 that contains the variable claims information regarding the service provider and individual beneficiaries.

Qualifying individuals and entities must attach a roster, which contains the variable claims information regarding the supplier of the service and individual beneficiaries.

The roster must contain at a minimum the following information:

- Provider name and number;
- Date of service;
- Patient name and address;
- Patient date of birth;
- Patient sex;
- Patient health insurance claim number; and
- Beneficiary signature or stamped "signature on file."

In addition, for inpatient Part B services (12x and 22X) the following data elements are also needed:

- Admission date;
- Admission type;
- Admission diagnosis;
- Admission source code; and
- Patient status code.

NOTE: A stamped "signature on file" can be used in place of the beneficiary's actual signature for all institutional providers that roster bill from an inpatient or outpatient department provided the provider has a signed authorization on file to bill Medicare for services rendered. In this situation, they are not required to obtain the patient signature on the roster. However, the provider has the option of reporting "signature on file" in lieu of obtaining the patient's actual signature on the roster.

The pneumococcal vaccine roster must contain the following language to be used by providers as a precaution to alert beneficiaries prior to administering the pneumococcal vaccine.

Warning: Beneficiaries must be asked if they have been vaccinated with the pneumococcal vaccine.

- Rely on the patients' memory to determine prior vaccination status.

- If patients are uncertain whether they have been vaccinated within the past 5 years, administer the vaccine,
- If patients are certain that they have been vaccinated within the past 5 years, **do not revaccinate**.

For providers using the simplified billing procedure, the modified Form CMS-1450 shows the following preprinted information in the specific form locators (FLs). Information regarding the form locator numbers that correspond to the data element names below and a table to crosswalk the CMS-1450 form locators to the 837 transaction is found in chapter 25:

- The words "See Attached Roster" (Patient Name);
- Patient Status code 01 (Patient Status);
- Condition code M1 (Condition Code) (See NOTE below);
- Condition code A6 (Condition Code);
- Revenue code 636 (Revenue Code), along with the appropriate HCPCS code in FL 44 (HCPCS Code);
- Revenue code 771 (Revenue Code), along with the appropriate "G" HCPCS code (HCPCS Code);
- "Medicare" (Payer, line A);
- The words "See Attached Roster" (Provider Number, line A); and
- Diagnosis code V03.82 for the pneumococcal vaccine or V04.8 for Influenza Virus vaccine (Principal Diagnosis Code). For influenza virus vaccine claims with dates of service October 1, 2003 and later, use diagnosis code V04.81.
- Influenza virus vaccines require:
 - the UPIN SLF000 on claims submitted before May 23, 2007, or
 - the provider's own NPI to be reported in the NPI field for the attending physician on claims submitted on or after May 23, 2007.

Providers conducting mass immunizations are required to complete the following fields on the preprinted Form CMS-1450:

- Type of Bill;

- Total Charges;
- Provider Representative; and
- Date.

NOTE: Medicare Secondary Payer (MSP) utilization editing is bypassed in CWF for all mass immunization roster bills. However, if the provider knows that a particular group health plan covers the pneumococcal vaccine and all other MSP requirements for the Medicare beneficiary are met, the primary payer must be billed. First claim development alerts from CWF are not generated for the pneumococcal and influenza virus vaccines.

Contractors use the beneficiary roster list to generate Form CMS-1450s to process the pneumococcal vaccine claims by mass immunizers indicating condition code M1 to avoid MSP editing. Standard System Maintainers must develop the necessary software to generate Form CMS-1450 records that will process through their system.

Providers that do not mass immunize must continue to bill for the pneumococcal and influenza virus vaccines using the normal billing method, e.g., submission of a Form CMS-1450 or electronic billing for each beneficiary.

10.3.2.1 - Simplified Billing for Influenza Virus and Pneumococcal Vaccine Services by HHAs

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The following billing instructions apply to HHAs that roster bill for influenza virus and pneumococcal vaccines.

- When an HHA provides the influenza virus vaccine or the pneumococcal vaccine in a mass immunization setting, it does not have the option to pick and choose whom to bill for this service. If it is using employees from the certified portion, and as a result will be reflecting these costs on the cost report, it must bill the FI/AB MAC on the Form CMS-1450.
- If the HHA is using employees from the noncertified portion of the agency (employees of another entity that are not certified as part of the HHA), and as a result, will not be reflecting these costs on the cost report, it must obtain a provider number and bill their carrier/AB MAC on the Form CMS-1500.
- If employees from both certified and noncertified portions of the HHA furnish the vaccines at a single mass immunization site, they must prepare two separate rosters, e.g., one for employees of the certified portion to be submitted to the FI/AB MAC and one roster for employees of the noncertified portion to be submitted to the carrier/AB MAC.

10.3.2.2 - Hospital Inpatient Roster Billing

(Rev. 1586, Issued: 09-05-08, Effective: 10-06-08, Implementation: 10-06-08)

The following billing instructions apply to hospitals that roster bill for the influenza virus vaccine and the pneumococcal vaccine provided to inpatients:

- Hospitals do not have to wait until patients are discharged to provide the vaccine. They may provide it anytime during the patient's stay;
- The roster should reflect the actual date of service;
- The requirement to provide the vaccine to five or more patients at the same time to meet the requirements for mass immunizers is waived when vaccines are provided to hospital inpatients. Therefore, the roster may contain fewer than five patients or fewer than five patients on the same day; and
- The roster should contain information indicating that the vaccines were provided to inpatients to avoid questions regarding the number of patients or various dates.

10.3.2.3 - Electronic Roster Claims

(Rev. 1586, Issued: 09-05-08, Effective: 10-06-08, Implementation: 10-06-08)

As for all other Medicare-covered services, FIs/AB MACs pay electronic claims more quickly than paper claims. For payment floor purposes, roster bills are paper bills and may not be paid as quickly as EMC. (See chapter 1.) If available, FIs/AB MACs must offer free, or at-cost, electronic billing software and ensure that the software is as user friendly as possible for the influenza virus vaccine benefit.

10.4 - CWF Edits

(Rev. 1617, Issued: 10-24-08, Effective: 04-06-09, Implementation: 04-06-09)

In order to prevent duplicate payments for influenza virus and pneumococcal vaccination claims by the local contractor/AB MAC and the centralized billing contractor, effective for claims received on or after July 1, 2002, CWF has implemented a number of edits.

NOTE: 90659 was discontinued December 31, 2003.

CWF returns information in Trailer 13 information from the history claim. The following fields are returned to the contractor:

- Trailer Code;
- Contractor Number;
- Document Control Number;
- First Service Date;

- Last Service Date;
- Provider, Physician, Supplier Number;
- Claim Type;
- Procedure code;
- Alert Code (where applicable); and,
- More history (where applicable.)

10.4.1 - CWF Edits on FI/AB MAC Claims

(Rev. 2446, Issued: 04-26-12, Effective: 07-01-12, Implementation: 10-01-12)

In order to prevent duplicate payment by the same FI/AB MAC, CWF edits by line item on the FI/AB MAC number, the beneficiary Health Insurance Claim (HIC) number, and the date of service, the influenza virus procedure codes *Q2034*, 90654, 90655, 90656, 90657, 90658, 90660, or 90662 and the pneumococcal procedure codes 90669, 90670, or 90732, and the administration codes G0008 or G0009.

If CWF receives a claim with either HCPCS codes *Q2034*, 90654, 90655, 90656, 90657, 90658, 90660, or 90662 and it already has on record a claim with the same HIC number, same FI/AB MAC number, same date of service, and any one of those HCPCS codes, the second claim submitted to CWF rejects.

If CWF receives a claim with HCPCS codes 90669, 90670, or 90732 and it already has on record a claim with the same HIC number, same FI/AB MAC number, same date of service, and the same HCPCS code, the second claim submitted to CWF rejects when all four items match.

If CWF receives a claim with HCPCS administration codes G0008 or G0009 and it already has on record a claim with the same HIC number, same FI/AB MAC number, same date of service, and same procedure code, CWF rejects the second claim submitted when all four items match.

CWF returns to the FI/AB MAC a reject code “7262” for this edit. FIs/AB MACs must deny the second claim and use the same messages they currently use for the denial of duplicate claims.

10.4.2 - CWF Edits on Carrier/AB MAC Claims

(Rev. 2446, Issued: 04-26-12, Effective: 07-01-12, Implementation: 10-01-12)

In order to prevent duplicate payment by the same carrier/AB MAC, CWF will edit by line item on the carrier/AB MAC number, the HIC number, the date of service, the

influenza virus procedure codes **Q2034**, 90654, 90655, 90656, 90657, 90658, 90660, or 90662; the pneumococcal procedure codes 90669, 90670, or 90732; and the administration code G0008 or G0009.

If CWF receives a claim with either HCPCS codes **Q2034**, 90654, 90655, 90656, 90657, 90658, 90660, or 90662 and it already has on record a claim with the same HIC number, same carrier/AB MAC number, same date of service, and any one of those HCPCS codes, the second claim submitted to CWF will reject.

If CWF receives a claim with HCPCS codes 90669, 90670, or 90732 and it already has on record a claim with the same HIC number, same carrier/AB MAC number, same date of service, and the same HCPCS code, the second claim submitted to CWF will reject when all four items match.

If CWF receives a claim with HCPCS administration codes G0008 or G0009 and it already has on record a claim with the same HIC number, same carrier/AB MAC number, same date of service, and same procedure code, CWF will reject the second claim submitted.

CWF will return to the carrier/AB MAC a specific reject code for this edit. Carriers/AB MACs must deny the second claim and use the same messages they currently use for the denial of duplicate claims.

In order to prevent duplicate payment by the centralized billing contractor and local carrier/AB MAC, CWF will edit by line item for carrier number, same HIC number, same date of service, the influenza virus procedure codes **Q2034**, 90654, 90655, 90656, 90657, 90658, 90660, or 90662; the pneumococcal procedure codes 90669, 90670, or 90732; and the administration code G0008 or G0009.

If CWF receives a claim with either HCPCS codes **Q2034**, 90654, 90655, 90656, 90657, 90658, 90660, or 90662 and it already has on record a claim with a **different** carrier/AB MAC number, but same HIC number, same date of service, and any one of those same HCPCS codes, the second claim submitted to CWF will reject.

If CWF receives a claim with HCPCS codes 90669, 90670, or 90732 and it already has on record a claim with the same HIC number, different carrier/AB MAC number, same date of service, and the same HCPCS code, the second claim submitted to CWF will reject.

If CWF receives a claim with HCPCS administration codes G0008 or G0009 and it already has on record a claim with a different carrier/AB MAC number, but the same HIC number, same date of service, and same procedure code, CWF will reject the second claim submitted.

CWF will return a specific reject code for this edit. Carriers/AB MACs must deny the second claim. For the second edit, the reject code should automatically trigger the following Medicare Summary Notice (MSN) and Remittance Advice (RA) messages.

MSN: 7.2 – “This is a duplicate of a claim processed by another contractor. You should receive a Medicare Summary Notice from them.”

Claim adjustment reason code 18 – duplicate claim or service

10.4.3 - CWF A/B Crossover Edits for FI/AB MAC and Carrier/AB MAC Claims

(Rev. 2446, Issued: 04-26-12, Effective: 07-01-12, Implementation: 10-01-12)

When CWF receives a claim from the carrier/AB MAC, it will review Part B outpatient claims history to verify that a duplicate claim has not already been posted.

CWF will edit on the beneficiary HIC number; the date of service; the influenza virus procedure codes *Q2034*, 90654, 90655, 90656, 90657, 90658, 90660, or 90662; the pneumococcal procedure codes 90669, 90670, or 90732; and the administration code G0008 or G0009.

CWF will return a specific reject code for this edit. Contractors must deny the second claim and use the same messages they currently use for the denial of duplicate claims.

10.5 - Medicare Summary Notice (MSN)

(Rev. 1586, Issued: 09-05-08, Effective: 10-06-08, Implementation: 10-06-08)

Contractors must generate a Medicare Summary Notice (MSN) for the pneumococcal, influenza virus, hepatitis B vaccines, and their administration.

For vaccines rendered to beneficiaries other than pneumococcal, influenza virus or hepatitis B, which are not covered by Medicare, they must send the following MSN message.

MSN: 18.2:

This immunization and/or preventive care is not covered.

The Spanish version of this MSN message should read:

Esta inmunización y/o servicios preventivos no están cubiertos.

20 - Mammography Services (Screening and Diagnostic)

(Rev. 1387, Issued: 12-07-07, Effective: 04-01-08, Implementation: 04-07-08)

A. Screening Mammography

Beginning January 1, 1991, Medicare provides Part B coverage of screening mammographies for women. Screening mammographies are radiologic procedures for early detection of breast cancer and include a physician's interpretation of the results. A doctor's prescription or referral is not necessary for the procedure to be covered. Whether payment can be made is determined by a woman's age and statutory frequency parameter. See Pub. 100-02, Medicare Benefit Policy Manual, chapter 15, section 280.3 for additional coverage information for a screening mammography.

Section 4101 of the Balanced Budget Act (BBA) of 1997 provides for annual screening mammographies for women over age 39 and waives the Part B deductible. Coverage applies as follows:

| Age Groups | Screening Period |
|-------------------|---|
| Under age 35 | No payment allowed for screening mammography. |
| 35-39 | Baseline (pay for only one screening mammography performed on a woman between her 35 th and 40 th birthday) |
| Over age 39 | Annual (11 full months have elapsed following the month of last screening) |

NOTE: Count months between screening mammographies beginning the month after the date of the examination. For example, if Mrs. Smith received a screening mammography examination in January 2005, begin counting the next month (February 2005) until 11 months have elapsed. Payment can be made for another screening mammography in January 2006.

B. Diagnostic Mammography

A diagnostic mammography is a radiological mammogram and is a covered diagnostic test under the following conditions:

- A patient has distinct signs and symptoms for which a mammogram is indicated;
- A patient has a history of breast cancer; or
- A patient is asymptomatic, but based on the patient's history and other factors the physician considers significant, the physician's judgment is that a mammogram is appropriate.
- Beginning January 1, 2005, Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act (MMA) of 2003, §644, Public Law 108-173 has changed the way Medicare pays for diagnostic mammography. Medicare will pay based on the MPFS in lieu of OPFS or the lower of the actual charge.

20.1 - Certification of Mammography Facilities

(Rev. 1387, Issued: 12-07-07, Effective: 04-01-08, Implementation: 04-07-08)

The Mammography Quality Standards Act (MQSA) provides specific standards regarding those qualified to perform screening and diagnostic mammograms and how they should be certified. The MQSA requires the Secretary to ensure that all facilities that provide mammography services meet national quality standards. Effective October 1, 1994, all facilities providing screening and diagnostic mammography services (except VA facilities) must have a certificate issued by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to continue to operate. The FDA, Center for Devices and Radiological Health, is responsible for collecting certificate fees and surveying mammography facilities (screening and diagnostic).

The FDA provides CMS with a listing of all providers that have been issued certificates to perform mammography services and CMS notifies contractors accordingly. Contractors are also notified of situations where a provider's certificate has expired, or has been suspended or revoked. The information provided includes the provider's name, address, 6-position certification number, effective/expiration dates and the letter "T" to designate the facility as terminated.

Medicare will reimburse only FDA-certified mammography centers for mammography services. Carriers/Part B of Medicare Administrative Contractors (B MACs) must inform physicians and suppliers at least annually, through their provider/supplier publications, of those facilities centers, that are certified. Carriers/B MACs encourage physicians to inform their patients about centers that are certified.

Mammography facilities that perform screening mammographies are **not** to release screening mammography x-rays for interpretation to physicians who are not approved under the facility's certification number unless the patient has requested a transfer of the mammography from one facility to another for a second opinion, or unless the patient has moved to another part of the country where the next screening mammography will be performed. Interpretations are to be performed **only** by physicians who are associated with the certified mammography facility. Carriers/B MACs are not required to maintain a list of these associations unless there is a specific reason for doing so and only on a case-by-case basis.

When adjudicating a screening mammography claim, contractors refer to the table of certified facilities provided by the FDA through CMS and confirm that the facility listed on the claim is in fact certified to perform the service. When the contractor determines that the facility that performed the mammography service has not been issued a certificate by the FDA or the certificate is suspended or revoked, the claim will be denied utilizing the denial language in §20.8.1 of this chapter, related to certified facilities.

20.1.1 - Services Under Arrangements

(Rev. 1387, Issued: 12-07-07, Effective: 04-01-08, Implementation: 04-07-08)

When mammography services are obtained for patients under arrangements with another facility, the provider arranging the service must ensure that the facility performing the services has been issued an MQSA certificate by the FDA.

20.1.2 – FDA Certification Data

(Rev. 1387, Issued: 12-07-07, Effective: 04-01-08, Implementation: 04-07-08)

The FDA furnishes data to CMS on a weekly basis, which specify the certification of facilities under the MQSA. This data are contained in a “MQSA file.”

Prior to April 1, 2003, the MQSA file showed all facilities that are certified to perform film screening and diagnostic mammograms. After April 1, 2003, the file shows a new Record Type with two indicators, “1” for film and “2” for digital to determine which mammograms the facility is certified to perform.

Section 104 of the Benefits Improvement and Protection Act (BIPA) of 2000, entitled “Modernization of Screening Mammography Benefit,” provided new payment methodologies for both diagnostic and screening mammograms that utilize digital technology. The new digital mammography codes have a higher payment rate. In order for Medicare to know whether the mammography facility is certified to perform digital mammography and, therefore, due a higher payment rate, CMS relies upon the FDA certification data contained in the MQSA file. The FDA sends an updated file via the CMS Mainframe Telecommunications System (CMSTS), formerly Network Data Mover, on a weekly basis.

Effective July 1, 2006, the MQSA file shows:

- Name of Facility,
- Certification number of the facility,
- Film certification obtained (Record-type =1) or digital certification obtained (Record-type = 2),
- Effective and Expiration dates of each certification,
- Letter “T” to designate the facility as terminated,

Some mammography facilities are certified to perform both film and digital mammography. In this case, the facility’s name and FDA certification number shows up on this file twice. One line will indicate film certification with effective date/expiration date while the other line will indicate digital certification with effective date/expiration date.

NOTE: The FDA does not issue printed certification which indicates film or/and digital. Refer to the MQSA file for proof of types of mammography the facility is certified to perform.

If the MQSA file appears to be in error, contact your regional office mammography coordinator. The coordinators will contact the FDA to research the apparent error.

20.1.3 - Using Certification Data in Claims Processing

20.2 - HCPCS and Diagnosis Codes for Mammography Services (Rev. 1472, Issued: 03-06-08, Effective: 05-23-07, Implementation: 04-07-08)

The following HCPCS and TOS codes are used to bill for mammography services.

| HCPCS Code | TOS | Definition |
|--------------------|-----|---|
| 77051* (76082*) | 4 | Computer aided detection (computer algorithm analysis of digital image data for lesion detection) with further physician review for interpretation, with or without digitization of film radiographic images, diagnostic mammography (list separately in addition to code for primary procedure). Code 76082 is effective January 1, 2004 thru December 31, 2006. Code 77051 is effective January 1, 2007. |
| 77052* (76083*) | 1 | Computer aided detection (computer algorithm analysis of digital image data for lesion detection) with further physician review for interpretation, with or without digitization of film radiographic images, screening mammography (list separately in addition to code for primary procedure). Code 76083 is effective January 1, 2004 thru December 31, 2006. Code 77052 is effective January 1, 2007. |
| 76085 | 1 | Digitization of film radiographic images with computer analysis for lesion detection and further physician review for interpretation screening mammography (list separately in addition to code for primary procedure). Use with CPT code 76092. Code 76085 was effective January 1, 2002 for all claims submitted to a carrier or an FI, except hospital outpatient prospective payment (OPPS) claims, which are billed to the FI. For OPPS claims billed to the FI, this code is effective April 1, 2002. Deleted as of December 31, 2003. |
| 77055* (76090*) | 4 | Diagnostic mammography, unilateral. |
| 77056* (76091*) | 4 | Diagnostic mammography, bilateral. |

| HCPCS Code | TOS | Definition |
|--------------------|------------|--|
| 77057* (76092*) | 1 | Screening mammography, bilateral (two view film study of each breast). |
| G0202 | 1 | Screening mammography, producing direct digital image, bilateral, all views. Code Effective April 1, 2001. |
| G0203 | | Screening mammography film processed to produce digital images analyzed for potential abnormalities, bilateral all views; Code Effective April 1, 2001 and terminated December 31, 2001, with the exception of hospitals subject to OPPS, who may bill this code through March 31, 2002. |
| G0204 | 4 | Diagnostic mammography, direct digital image, bilateral, all views; Code Effective April 1, 2001. |
| G0205 | | Diagnostic mammography, film processed to produce digital image analyzed for potential abnormalities, bilateral, all views; Code Effective April 1, 2001 and terminated December 31, 2001, with the exception of hospitals subject to OPPS, who may bill this code through March 31, 2002. |
| G0206 | 1 | Diagnostic mammography, producing direct digital image, unilateral, all views; Code Effective April 1, 2001. |
| G0207 | | Diagnostic mammography, film processed to produce digital image analyzed for potential abnormalities, unilateral, all views; Code Effective April 1, 2001 and terminated December 31, 2001, with the exception of hospitals subject to OPPS, who may bill this code through March 31, 2002. |
| G0236 | | Digitization of film radiographic images with computer analysis for lesion detection and further physician review for interpretation, diagnostic mammography (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure). Use with CPT Codes 76090 or 76091. Code G0236 was effective January 1, 2002 for all claims submitted to a carrier or an FI except hospital OPPS claims, which are billed to the FI. For OPPS claims billed to the FI, the code is effective April 1, 2002. Deleted as of December 31, 2003. |

*For claims with dates of service prior to January 1, 2007, providers report CPT codes 76082, 76083, 76090, 76091, and 76092. For claims with dates of service January 1, 2007 and later, providers report CPT codes 77051, 77052, 77055, 77056, and 77057 respectively.

New Modifier “-GG”: Performance and payment of a screening mammography and diagnostic mammography on same patient same day - This is billed with the Diagnostic Mammography code to show the test changed from a screening test to a diagnostic test. Contractors will pay both the screening and diagnostic mammography tests. This modifier is for tracking purposes only. This applies to claims with dates of service on or after January 1, 2002.

A. Diagnosis for Services On or After January 1, 1998

The BBA of 1997 eliminated payment based on high-risk indicators. However, to assure proper coding, one of the following diagnosis codes should be reported on screening mammography claims as appropriate:

V76.11 – “Special screening for malignant neoplasm, screening mammogram for high-risk patients” or;

V76.12 - “Special screening for malignant neoplasm, other screening mammography.”

Beginning October 1, 2003, carriers are no longer permitted to plug the ICD-9-CM code for a screening mammography when the screening mammography claim has no diagnosis code. Screening mammography claims with no diagnosis code must be returned as unprocessable for assigned claims. For unassigned claims, deny the claim.

Providers report diagnosis code V76.11 or V76.12 in “Principal Diagnosis Code” if the screening mammography is the only services reported on the claim. If the claim contains other services in addition to the screening mammography, diagnostic codes V76.11 or V76.12 are reported, as appropriate, in “Other Diagnostic Codes.” **NOTE:** Information regarding the form locator number that corresponds to the principal and other diagnosis codes and a table to crosswalk the CMS-1450 form locator to the 837 transaction is found in Chapter 25.

Carriers receive this diagnosis in field 21 and field 24E with the appropriate pointer code of Form CMS-1500 or in Loop 2300 of ANSI- X12 837.

Diagnosis codes for a diagnostic mammography will vary according to diagnosis.

B. Diagnoses for Services October 1, 1997 Through December 31, 1997

On every screening mammography claim where the patient is not a high-risk individual, diagnosis code V76.12 is reported on the claim.

If the screening is for a high risk individual, the provider reports the principal diagnosis code as V76.11 - “Screening mammogram for high risk patient.”

In addition, for high-risk individuals, one of the following applicable diagnoses codes is reported as “Other Diagnoses codes”:

- V10.3 “Personal history - Malignant neoplasm female breast”;
- V16.3 “Family history - Malignant neoplasm breast”; or
- V15.89 “Other specified personal history representing hazards to health.”

The following chart indicates the ICD-9 diagnosis codes reported for each high-risk category:

| High Risk Category | Appropriate Diagnosis Code |
|---|----------------------------|
| A personal history of breast cancer | V10.3 |
| A mother, sister, or daughter who has breast cancer | V16.3 |
| Not given birth prior to age 30 | V15.89 |
| A personal history of biopsy-proven benign breast disease | V15.89 |

20.2.1 - Computer-Aided Detection (CAD) Add-On Codes (Rev. 1070, Issued: 09-29-06, Effective: 01-01-07, Implementation: 01-02-07)

Screening Add-on Codes 76085 and 77052* (76083*)

Effective for services on or after January 1, 2002 through December 31, 2003, (or April 1, 2002 for hospitals subject to OPPI) a new CPT code 76085, CAD conversion of standard film images to digital images has been established as an add-on code that can be billed only in conjunction with the primary service screening mammography code 76092. The definition of 76085 is: “Digitization of film radiographic images with computer analysis for lesion detection and further physician review for interpretation, mammography (list separately in addition to code for primary procedure).”

NOTE: For claims with dates of service April 1, 2003 – December 31, 2003, code G0202 may be billed in conjunction with 76085.

Carriers and FIs make payment under the Medicare physician fee schedule. There is no Part B deductible. However, coinsurance is applicable.

For claims with dates of service April 1, 2005, and later, hospitals bill for code 76082* (77051*) under the 13X bill type. The 14X bill type is no longer applicable. Appropriate TOBs for providers other than hospitals are 22X, 23X, and 85X.

Contractors must assure that claims containing code 76085 also contain HCPCS code 76092 or G0202. If not, FIs return claims to the provider with an explanation that payment for code 76085 cannot be made when billed alone. Carriers deny payment for 76085 when billed without 76092 or G0202.

NOTE: When screening CAD 76085 is billed in conjunction with a screening mammography (76092 or G0202) and the screening mammography (76092 or G0202) fails the age and frequency edits in CWF, both services will be rejected by CWF.

Effective with claims with dates of service January 1, 2004 thru December 31, 2006, HCPCS code 76083, “Computer aided detection (computer algorithm analysis of digital image data for lesion detection) with further physician review for interpretation with or without digitization of film radiographic images; screening mammography (list separately in addition to code for primary procedure),” can be billed in conjunction with the primary service mammography code 76092 or G0202.

Effective with claims with dates of service January 1, 2007 and later, HCPCS code 77052, which replaces code 76083 “Computer aided detection (computer algorithm analysis of digital image data for lesion detection) with further physician review for interpretation with or without digitization of film radiographic images; screening mammography (list separately in addition to code for primary procedure),” can be billed in conjunction with the primary service mammography code 77057 or G0202.

Contractors must assure that claims containing code 77052* (76083*) also contain HCPCS code 77057* (76092*) or G0202. FIs return claims containing code 77052* (76083*) that do not also contain HCPCS code 77057* (76092*) or G0202 with an explanation that payment for code 77052* (76083*) cannot be made when billed alone. Carriers deny payment for 77052* (76083*) when billed without 77057* (76092*) or G0202.

NOTE: When screening CAD 77052* (76083*) is billed in conjunction with a screening mammography (77057* (76092*) or G0202) and the screening mammography (77057* (76092*) or G0202) fails the age and frequency edits in CWF, both services will be rejected by CWF.

*For claims with dates of service prior to January 1, 2007, providers report CPT codes 76083 and 76092 or G0202. For claims with dates of service January 1, 2007 and later, providers report CPT codes 77052 and 77057 or G0202, respectively.

Diagnostic Add-on Codes G0236 and 77051* (76082*)

Effective for services on or after January 1, 2002 thru December 31, 2003, (or April 1, 2002 for hospital claims subject to OPPS), HCPCS code G0236 was established for diagnostic mammography CAD that can be billed only on the same claim with the primary service of either 76090 or 76091. The definition of G0236 is: “Digitization of

film radiographic images with computer analysis for lesion detection and further physician review for interpretation.” The code must be listed separately in addition to code for the primary procedure.

NOTE: For claims with dates of service April 1, 2003 - December 31, 2003, code G0204 and G0206 may be billed in conjunction with G0236.

For claims with dates of service April 1, 2005, and later, hospitals bill for code 76082* (77051*) under the 13X bill type. The 14X bill type is no longer applicable. Appropriate TOBs for providers other than hospitals are 22X, 23X, and 85X.

There are no frequency limitations on film or digital diagnostic tests or CAD-diagnostic tests.

Contractors must assure that claims containing code G0236 also contain HCPCS code 76090, 76091, G0204, or G0206. If not, FIs return claims to the provider with an explanation that payment for code G0236 cannot be made when billed alone. Carriers deny payment for G0236 when billed without 76090, 76091, G0204, or G0206.

Effective with claims with dates of service January 1, 2004 thru December 31, 2006, HCPCS code 76082, “Computer aided detection (computer algorithm analysis of digital image data for lesion detection) with further physician review for interpretation with or without digitization of film radiographic images; diagnostic mammography (list separately in addition to code for primary procedure),” can be billed in conjunction with the primary service mammography code 76090, 76091, G0204, or G0206.

Effective for claims with dates of service January 1, 2007 and later, HCPCS code 77051, which replaces code 76082, “Computer aided detection (computer algorithm analysis of digital image data for lesion detection) with further physician review for interpretation with or without digitization of film radiographic images; diagnostic mammography (list separately in addition to code for primary procedure),” can be billed in conjunction with the primary service mammography code 77055, 77056, G0204, or G0206.

Contractors must assure that claims containing code 77051* (76082*) also contain HCPCS codes 77055*(76090*), 77056* (76091*), G0204 or G0206. FIs return claims containing code 77051* (76082*) that do not also contain HCPCS code 77055* (76090*), 77056* (76091*), G0204, or G0206 with an explanation that payment for code 77051* (76082*), cannot be made when billed alone. Carriers deny payment for 77051* (76082*) when billed without 77055* (76090*), 77056* (76091*), G0204, or G0206.

*For claims with dates of service prior to January 1, 2007, providers report CPT codes 76090, 76091, G0204 or G0206 with 76082. For claims with dates of service January 1, 2007 and later, providers report CPT codes 77055, 77056, G0204, or G0206 with 77051, respectively.

20.2.1.1 - CAD Billing Charts

(Rev. 1070, Issued: 09-29-06, Effective: 01-01-07, Implementation: 01-02-07)

The following chart provides guidance for billing of CAD add-on codes. It reflects appropriate coding combinations that may be billed and the time frames associated with each.

Chart I – Screening CAD Codes

| CAD Codes | Effective 01-01-02 thru 03-31-03 | Effective 04-01-03 thru 12-31-03 | Effective 01-01-04 thru 12-31-06 | Effective 01-01-07 and later |
|------------------|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | |
| 76085 | 76092 | 76092, G0202 | N/A | N/A |
| | | | | |
| 76083 | N/A | N/A | 76092, G0202 | N/A |
| | | | | |
| 77052 | N/A | N/A | N/A | 77057, G0202 |

Chart II – Diagnostic CAD Codes

| CAD Codes | Effective 01-01-02 thru 03-31-03 | Effective 04-01-03 thru 12-31-03 | Effective 01-01-04 thru 12-31-06 | Effective 01-01-07 and later |
|------------------|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | |
| G0236 | 76090 | 76090 | N/A | N/A |
| | 76091 | 76091 | | |
| | | G0204 | | |
| | | G0206 | | |
| | | | | |
| 76082 | N/A | N/A | 76090 | N/A |
| | | | 76091 | N/A |
| | | | G0204 | N/A |
| | | | G0206 | N/A |
| 77051 | N/A | N/A | N/A | G0204 |
| | | | | G0206 |
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| | | | | 77056 |
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*For claims with dates of service prior to January 1, 2007, providers report CPT codes 76090, 76091, G0204 or G0206 with 76082. For claims with dates of service January 1, 2007 and later, providers report CPT codes 77055, 77056, G0204, or G0206 with 77051, respectively.

The CWF Application of Age and Frequency Edits,--The following chart reflects proper application of CWF age and frequency edits applied to CAD HCPCS codes billed in conjunction with screening mammographies HCPCS codes.

| CAD Codes | Effective 01-01-02 thru 03-31-03 | Effective 04-01-03 thru 12-31-03 | Effective 01-01-04 thru 12-31-06 | Effective 01-01-07 and later |
|------------------|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | |
| 76085 | 76092 | 76092, G0202 | N/A | N/A |
| | | | | |
| 76083 | N/A | N/A | 76092, G0202 | N/A |
| | | | | |
| 77052 | N/A | N/A | N/A | 77057, G0202 |

See section 20.5.1, for carrier CWF edits

*For claims with dates of service prior to January 1, 2007, providers report CPT codes 76083 and 76092. For claims with dates of service January 1, 2007 and later, providers report CPT codes 77052 and 77057 respectively.

20.3 - Payment

(Rev. 1931, Issued: 03-12-10, Effective: 06-14-10, Implementation: 06-14-10)

There is no Part B deductible for screening mammographies, however, coinsurance is applicable. The anti-markup payment limitation on physician billing for diagnostic tests does not apply to these services. Following are three categories of billing for mammography services:

- Professional component of mammography services (that is the physician's interpretation of the results of the examination);
- Technical component (all other services); or

- Both professional and technical components (global). However, global billing is not permitted for services furnished in provider outpatient departments, except for CAHs electing the optional method of payment for mammography services furnished on or after January 1, 2002.

20.3.1 - Payment for Screening Mammography Services Provided Prior to January 1, 2002

(Rev. 1070, Issued: 09-29-06, Effective: 01-01-07, Implementation: 01-02-07)

Claims with dates of service prior to January 1, 2002, are subject to a payment limitation. The professional component is 32 percent of the total limit for the complete service. The technical component is 68 percent.

When the technical and professional components of the screening mammography are billed separately, the payment limit is adjusted to reflect either the professional or technical component only. That is, the limitation applicable to global billing for screening is allocated between the professional and technical components as set forth by regulations. Below are the limitation amounts applicable each calendar year:

| Calendar Year | Global Payment Limit | Technical Component Amount | Professional Component Amount |
|----------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1996 | \$62.10 | \$42.23 | \$19.87 |
| 1997 | \$63.34 | \$43.07 | \$20.27 |
| 1998 | \$64.73 | \$44.02 | \$20.71 |
| 1999 | \$66.22 | \$45.03 | \$21.19 |
| 2000 | \$67.81 | \$46.11 | \$21.69 |
| 2001 | \$69.23 | \$47.08 | \$22.15 |

NOTE: The CMS annually updates the overall limit annually by the percentage increase in the Medicare Economic Index.

EXAMPLE: In calendar year 2001, 32 percent of the \$69.23 limit, or \$22.15, is used in determining payment for the professional component; and 68 percent of the \$69.23 limit, or \$47.08, is used in determining payment for the technical component.

FI Payment

Payment for the **technical component** equals 80 percent of the least of:

- The actual charge for the technical component (HCPCS code 77057* (76092*)) of the service;
- The physicians' fee schedule amount for the technical component of HCPCS code 77056* (76091*) (a bilateral diagnostic mammogram); or
- The technical portion of the screening mammography limit as identified in the chart above.

*For claims with dates of service prior to January 1, 2007, providers report CPT codes 76091 and 76092. For claims with dates of service January 1, 2007 and later, providers report CPT codes 77056 and 77057 respectively.

Carrier Payment - Technical Component

Payment for the **technical component** equals 80 percent of the least of:

- The actual charge for the technical component of the service;
- The amount determined with respect to the technical component for the service under Medicare Physicians' Fee Schedule; or
- The technical portion of the screening mammography limit as identified in the chart above.

Carrier Payment - Professional Component

The amount of payment for the **professional** charge equals 80 percent of the least of:

- The actual charge for the professional component;
- The amount determined with respect to the professional component for the service under the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule; or
- The professional portion of the screening mammography limit based on the year of service according to the chart above.

FI or Carrier Payment - Global

The amount of payment for the **global charge** equals 80 percent of the least of:

- The actual charge for the procedure;
- The amount determined with respect to the global procedure under the Medicare Fee Schedule; or

- The limit for the procedure based on the year of service according to the chart above.

Carriers may receive bills for global, professional, or technical components. If mammography services are furnished by nonparticipating physicians and suppliers, there is a special limiting charge. Carriers must apply the appropriate payment reductions to screening mammography procedures furnished by new physicians.

Providers bill the technical component of mammography services to FIs. Only a CAH may bill globally if the CAH elected the optional method of payment for mammography services furnished on or after January 1, 2002.

FI Payment Example

| | |
|---------|---|
| \$90.00 | Provider charges for HCPCS; |
| \$75.00 | Physician' fee schedule amount; and |
| \$47.08 | Technical portion of the screening mammography limit (68% of \$69.23 (year 2001)) |

Payment is 80 percent of the lower of the following amounts. To calculate the payment, select the lower of:

| | |
|---------|---|
| \$90.00 | Provider charges; |
| \$75.00 | Physician' fee schedule amount for the technical component; or |
| \$47.08 | Technical portion of the screening mammography limit (year 2001). |

Payment is 80 percent of the remainder. FIs do not apply the provider's interim rate. This is a final payment to the provider. In this example, payment is calculated as follows:

$$\$47.08 \times 80\% = \$ 37.66 \text{ payment to the provider}$$

To determine the patient's liability, multiply the actual charge by 20 percent. The result is the patient's liability. In this example, the calculation is:

$$\$90.00 \times 20\% = \$18.00 \text{ (coinsurance).}$$

20.3.2 - Payment for Screening Mammography Services Provided On and After January 1, 2002

(Rev. 1070, Issued: 09-29-06, Effective: 01-01-07, Implementation: 01-02-07)

The payment limitation methodology does not apply to claims with dates of service on or after January 1, 2002.

FI Claims

For claims with dates of service on or after January 1, 2002, §104 of the Benefits Improvement and Protection Act (BIPA) 2000, provides for payment of screening mammography under the Medicare physician fee schedule (MPFS) when furnished in hospitals, skilled nursing facilities (SNFs), and CAHs not electing the optional method of payment for outpatient services. However, payment under the physician fee schedule is not applicable to hospitals subject to the Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS) until April 1, 2002.

The payment for code 77057* (76092*) is equal to the lower of:

- The actual charge or
- Locality specific technical component payment amount under the MPFS.

Program payment for the service is 80 percent of the lower amount and coinsurance is 20 percent. Part B deductible does not apply. This is a final payment.

FIs use the benefit-pricing file provided by CMS to pay mammography codes.

Payment for the add-on code 76085 is made under the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule. Deductible does not apply, however, coinsurance is applicable.

*For claims with dates of service prior to January 1, 2007, providers report CPT code 76092. For claims with dates of service January 1, 2007 and later, providers report CPT code 77057.

Carrier Claims

Physicians and suppliers are paid by the carrier for all mammography tests (including screening mammography) under the MPFS. Separate prices for the technical component, the professional component and the global service are included on the MPFS.

The Medicare allowed charge is the lower of:

- The actual charge, or
- The MPFS amount for the service billed.

The Medicare payment for the service is 80 percent of the allowed charge. Coinsurance is 20 percent of the lower of the actual charge or the MPFS amount. Part B deductible is waived and does not apply to screening mammography.

As with other MPFS services, the nonparticipating provider reduction and the limiting charge provisions apply to all mammography tests (including screening mammography).

20.3.2.1 - Outpatient Hospital Mammography Payment Table
(Rev. 1070, Issued: 09-29-06, Effective: 01-01-07, Implementation: 01-02-07)

Payment for Mammography in the Hospital Outpatient PPS Setting. For all other hospitals, the effective date for column 1 is April 1, 2001, through December 31, 2001, and for column 2, the effective date is January 2002.

PAYMENT FOR SCREENING MAMMOGRAPHY

| Screening Mammography (Revenue Code 403) | Year 2000 | 2001 (April 1, 01 thru March 31, 2002) | April 1, 2002 - forward |
|---|--|--|---|
| 77057* (76092*) Screening Mammography, bilateral No deductible, Coinsurance applies | Lesser of: 1. Charges, 2. TC of PFS for 76091, or 3. Annual payment limit | Lesser of: 1. Charge, 2. TC of MPFS for code 76091, or 3. Annual payment limit \$47.08 | Lesser of: 1. Charge, or 2. TC of MPFS for code 77057* (76092*) |
| G0202 Screening Mammography, producing direct digital image, bilateral, all views. No deductible Coinsurance applies | N/A | Lesser of: 1. Charge, or 2. 150% TC of MPFS for code 76091 | Lesser of: 1. Actual charge, or 2. TC of MPFS for code G0202 |
| G0203 Screening mammography, film processed to produce digital image analyzed for potential abnormalities, bilateral, all views. No Deductible Coinsurance Applies | N/A | Lesser of: 1. Charge, 2. TC of MPFS for code 76091, or 3. \$57.28 (annual \$ limit of \$47.08 plus \$10.20TC add on) | N/A |

*For claims with dates of service prior to January 1, 2007, providers report CPT codes 76091 and 76092. For claims with dates of service January 1, 2007 and later, providers report CPT codes 77056 and 77057 respectively.

PAYMENT FOR DIAGNOSTIC MAMMOGRAPHY

| Diagnostic Mammography (Revenue Code 401) | Year 2000 | April 1, 2001 thru March 31, 2002 | April 1, 2002 thru December 31, 2004 | January 1, 2005 - forward |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|---|---|
| 77056* (76091*) Mammography, bilateral Deductible and coinsurance apply | OPPS (beginning Aug.1, 2000) | OPPS | OPPS | Lesser of charge or TC or the MPFS for 77056* (76091*) |
| 77055* (76090*) Mammography, bilateral Deductible and coinsurance apply | OPPS (beginning Aug.1, 2000) | OPPS | OPPS | Lesser of charge or TC or the MPFS for 77055* (76090*) |
| G0204 Diagnostic Mammography, direct digital image, bilateral, all views Deductible and coinsurance apply | N/A | Lesser of: 1. Charge, or 2. 150% TC of MPFS for code 76091 | OPPS | Lesser of charge or TC or the MPFS for G0204 |
| G0206 Diagnostic Mammography, direct digital image, unilateral, all views Deductible and coinsurance apply | N/A | OPPS (same APC as 76090) | OPPS | Lesser of charge or TC or the MPFS for G0206 |
| G0205 Diagnostic Mammography, film processed to produce digital image analyzed for potential abnormalities, | N/A | Lesser of: 1. Charge, 2. TC of MPFS for code 76091, or | N/A | N/A |

| Diagnostic Mammography (Revenue Code 401) | Year 2000 | April 1, 2001 thru March 31, 2002 | April 1, 2002 thru December 31, 2004 | January 1, 2005 - forward |
|--|------------------|---|---|----------------------------------|
| unilateral, all views Deductible and coinsurance apply | | 3. \$57.28 (annual \$ limit of \$47.08 plus \$10.20TC add on) | | |
| G0207 Diagnostic Mammography, film processed to produce digital image analyzed for potential abnormalities, unilateral, all views Deductible and coinsurance apply | N/A | OPPS (same APC as 76090) | N/A | N/A |

*For claims with dates of service prior to January 1, 2007, providers report CPT codes 76090 and 76091. For claims with dates of service January 1, 2007 and later, providers report CPT codes 77055 and 77056 respectively.

Beginning January 1, 2005, Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act (MMA) of 2003, §644, Public Law 108-173 has changed the way Medicare pays for diagnostic mammography. Medicare payment will be based on the MPFS. Payment will no longer be made under the OPPS.

COMPUTER-AIDED DETECTION (CAD) DEVICES

| Computer-aided Detection (CAD) | Year 2000 | 2001 (April 1 - Dec 31) | Year 2002 - 2003 | January 1, 2004 | January 1, 2005 - forward |
|---|------------------|--------------------------------|---|------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 76085* CAD with screening mammography (may bill with 76092) No deductible coinsurance applies | N/A | N/A | Lesser of: 1. Charge, or 2. TC of MPFS for code 76085 | N/A | N/A |
| G0236* | N/A | N/A | OPPS | N/A | N/A |

| | | | | | |
|--|-----|-----|-----|---|---|
| CAD with diagnostic mammography (may bill with 76090 or 76091) Deductible and coinsurance apply | | | | | |
| 77052* (76083*) CAD with screening mammography (may bill with 77057* (76092*) or G0202) No deductible applies | N/A | N/A | N/A | Lesser of: 1. Charge, or 2. TC of MPFS for code 76083 | Lesser of: 1. Charge, or 2. TC of MPFS for code 77052* (76083*) |
| 77051* (76082*) CAD with diagnostic mammography (may bill with 77055* (76090*), 77056* (76091*), G0204, or G0206) Deductible and coinsurance apply | N/A | N/A | N/A | OPPS | Lesser of: 1. Charge, or 2. TC of MPFS for code 77051* (76082*) |

TC = technical component

MPFS= Medicare Physician Fee Schedule

OPPS= Outpatient Prospective Payment System

APC= Ambulatory Payment Classification

* Code 76085 is a deleted code as of December 31, 2003. The code to be used for dates of service beginning January 1, 2004 thru December 31, 2006, is 76083. For claims with dates of service January 1, 2007 and later, the new code is 77052. Code G0236 is a deleted code as of December 31, 2003. The code to be used for dates of service beginning January 1, 2004 thru December 31, 2006, is 76082. For claims with dates of service January 1, 2007 and later, the new code is 77051.

Beginning January 1, 2005, Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act (MMA) of 2003, §644, Public Law 108-173 has changed the way Medicare pays for diagnostic CAD services. Medicare payment will be based on the MPFS. Payment will no longer be made under the OPFS.

20.3.2.2 - Payment for Computer Add-On Diagnostic and Screening Mammograms for FIs and Carriers
(Rev. 1070, Issued: 09-29-06, Effective: 01-01-07, Implementation: 01-02-07)

Payment for computer add-on **diagnostic** mammogram HCPCS code G0236 or 77051* (76082*) when billed with CPT code 77055* (76090*), 77056* (76091*), G0204, or G0206 is as follows:

| Place/Provider of Service | Payment |
|----------------------------------|---|
| Physician | Medicare physicians' fee schedule |
| Outpatient Hospital | Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS) |
| Critical Access Hospital (CAH) | Reasonable Cost |
| SNF | Medicare physicians' fee schedule – technical component |
| Independent RHC | All-inclusive rate for professional component (codes 76090 and 76091)** |
| Freestanding FQHC | All-inclusive rate for professional component (codes 76090 and 76091)** |

** Only for dates of service prior to April 1, 2005.

NOTE: Effective for claims with dates of service on or after January 1, 2005, computer add-on diagnostic mammography services provided in a hospital are paid under the MPFS. Payment is no longer made under the OPFS.

Code G0236, "Digitization of film radiographic images with computer analysis for lesion detection and further physician review for interpretation, diagnostic mammography," for CAD has been established as an add on code that can be billed in conjunction with primary service code G0204 or G0206, as well as existing codes 76090 or 76091. The Part B deductible and coinsurance apply. HCPCS code G0236 is deleted as of December 31, 2003.

Effective for claims with dates of service January 1, 2004 thru December 31, 2006, add-on HCPCS code 76082, "Computer aided detection (computer algorithm analysis of digital image data for lesion detection) with further physician review for interpretation, with or without digitization of film radiographic images; diagnostic mammography (list separately in addition to code for primary procedure)," can be billed in conjunction with

primary service codes G0204 or G0206 as well as codes 76090 or 76091. The Part B deductible and coinsurance apply.

Effective for claims with dates of service January 1, 2007 and later, add-on HCPCS code 77051, “Computer aided detection (computer algorithm analysis of digital image data for lesion detection) with further physician review for interpretation, with or without digitization of film radiographic images; diagnostic mammography (list separately in addition to code for primary procedure),” can be billed in conjunction with primary service codes G0204 or G0206 as well as codes 77055 or 77056. The Part B deductible and coinsurance apply.

The add-on code cannot be billed alone. FIs return to provider claims containing only codes G0236 or 77051* (76082*) with an explanation that payment for code G0236 or 77051* (76082*) cannot be made when billed alone.

Carriers deny the claim using remark code N122, “Mammography add-on code can not be billed by itself” (effective September 12, 2002).

Payment for computer add-on **screening** mammogram HCPCS code 76085 or 77052* (76083*) when billed with CPT code 77057* (76092*) or G0202 is as follows:

| Place/Provider of Service | Payment |
|----------------------------------|--|
| Physician | Medicare physicians’ fee schedule |
| Outpatient Hospital | Medicare physicians’ fee schedule |
| Critical Access Hospital (CAH) | Reasonable Cost |
| SNF | Medicare physicians’ fee schedule – technical component |
| Independent RHC | All-inclusive rate for professional component (code 76092**) |
| Freestanding FQHC | All-inclusive rate for professional component (code 76092**) |

** Only for dates of service prior to April 1, 2005.

Code 76085, “Digitization of film radiographic images with computer analysis for lesion detection and further physician review for interpretation, screening mammography,” for CAD has been established as an add on code that can be billed in conjunction with primary service code G0202 as well as 76092. HCPCS code 76085 is deleted as of December 31, 2003. The Part B Deductible does not apply. However, coinsurance is applicable. FIs use the benefit pricing file provided by CMS to pay the above codes where payment is based on the technical component of the Medicare physician fee schedule.

Effective for claims with dates of service January 1, 2004 thru December 31, 2006, HCPCS code 76083, “Computer aided detection (computer algorithm analysis of digital image data for lesion detection) with further physician review for interpretation, with or without digitization of film radiographic images; screening mammography (list separately in addition to code for primary procedure),” can be billed in conjunction with the primary service code G0202 as well as code 76092. There is no Part B deductible but coinsurance applies.

Effective for claims with dates of service January 1, 2007 and later, HCPCS code 77052, “Computer aided detection (computer algorithm analysis of digital image data for lesion detection) with further physician review for interpretation, with or without digitization of film radiographic images; screening mammography (list separately in addition to code for primary procedure),” can be billed in conjunction with the primary service code G0202 as well as code 77057. There is no Part B deductible but coinsurance applies.

The add-on code cannot be billed alone. FIs return to provider claims containing only codes 76085 or 77052* (76083*) with an explanation that payment for code 76085 or 77052* (76083*) cannot be made when billed alone.

Carriers deny the claim using remark code N122 “Mammography add-on code cannot be billed by itself” (effective September 12, 2002).

*For claims with dates of service prior to January 1, 2007, providers report CPT codes 76082, 76083, 76090, 76091, and 76092. For claims with dates of service January 1, 2007 and later, providers report CPT codes 77051, 77052, 77055, 77056, and 77057 respectively.

20.3.2.3 - Critical Access Hospital Payment

(Rev. 1070, Issued: 09-29-06, Effective: 01-01-07, Implementation: 01-02-07)

Payment to a CAH for screening mammography is not subject to applicable Part B deductible, but coinsurance does apply. Any deductible or coinsurance collected is deducted from the payment.

A. Under the Optional (All Inclusive) Method

Section 403(d) of the BBRA amended §1834(g) of the Act to permit a CAH to elect an optional method of payment for outpatient services. This option is effective for cost reporting periods beginning on or after October 1, 2001. A CAH may elect to be paid for outpatient services by reasonable costs for facility services and §202 of BIPA allows an amount equal to 115 percent of the allowed amount for professional component. (Costs related to professional services are excluded from the cost payment.)

CAHs electing the optional method of reimbursement bill the FI with type of bill 85X, revenue code 0403 and HCPCS code 77057* (76092*). They also include the

professional component on a separate line, with revenue code 96X, 97X, or 98X and HCPCS code 77057* (76092*).

*For claims with dates of service prior to January 1, 2007, providers report CPT codes 76083 and 76092. For claims with dates of service January 1, 2007 and later, providers report CPT codes 77052 and 77057 respectively.

B. Under the Standard Method

CAHs reimbursed on the standard method of payment bill the technical component of a screening mammography to the FI on type of bill 85X, revenue code 0403 and HCPCS code 77057* (76092*).

Professional services are billed to the carrier and paid based on the fee schedule by the carrier.

For claims with dates of service on or after January 1, 2002, §104 of the Benefits Improvement and Protection Act (BIPA) 2000, provides for payment of screening mammographies under the Medicare physician fee schedule (MPFS) in CAHs not electing the optional method of payment for outpatient services.

*For claims with dates of service prior to January 1, 2007, providers report CPT code 76092. For claims with dates of service January 1, 2007 and later, providers report CPT code 77057.

20.3.2.3.1 – CAH Screening Mammography Payment Table (Rev. 1070, Issued: 09-29-06, Effective: 01-01-07, Implementation: 01-02-07)

Payment for Screening Mammography in the Critical Access Hospital Outpatient Setting

Method 1 (Standard)

| | TOB | Rev Code | HCPCS | Payment |
|--|------------|-----------------|--------------|---|
| Services prior to cost reporting periods ending October 1, 2001 and services prior to July 1, 2001 (BIPA) | | | | |
| Technical Component Deductible does not apply. Coinsurance based on charge. | 85X | 403 | 76092 | FI payment is 80% of the reasonable cost. |
| Professional Component Deductible does not apply. Coinsurance based on lower of MPFS | | | 76092 | Carrier payment is 80% of the lower of the charge or MPFS |

| | TOB | Rev Code | HCPCS | Payment |
|---|------------|---------------------|---------------------------|--|
| or charge. | | | | amount for the technical component. |
| Services on or after July 1, 2001 to January 1, 2002 | | | | |
| Technical Component Deductible does not apply. Coinsurance based on charge. | 85X | 403 | 76092 | FI payment is 80% of the reasonable cost. |
| Professional Component Deductible does not apply. Coinsurance based on lower of MPFS or charge. | | | 76092 | Carrier payment is 80% of the lower of the charge or MPFS amount. |
| Services on or after January 1 2002 | | | | |
| Technical Component Deductible does not apply. Coinsurance based on charge. | 85X | 403 | *76092 *76085 G0202 | FI payment is 80% of the lower of the charge or the fee schedule amount. |
| Professional Component Deductible does not apply. Coinsurance based on lower of MPFS or charge. | | | *76092 *76085 G0202 | Carrier payment is 80% of the lower of the charge or MPFS amount for the technical component. The new A3 states payment for 76092 is lower of charge or locality specific TECHNICAL component amount under MPFS. |
| *Codes must be billed together on the same claim. Also note that 76085 is deleted after December 31, 2003. Use code 76083 for claims with dates of service January 1, 2004 and later. | | | | |

Method 2 (Optional Method) - Option available with cost reporting periods starting on or after October 1, 2001 and dates of service on or after July 1, 2001.

| | TOB | Rev Code | HCPCS | Payment |
|--|-----|--------------------|--|--|
| Services for cost reporting periods on or after October 1, 2001 and service dates on or after July 1 and prior to January 1, 2002 | | | | |
| Technical Component Deductible does not apply. Coinsurance based on charge. | 85X | 403 | 76092 | FI payment is 80% of the reasonable cost. (Interim rate times charge) |
| Professional Component Deductible does not apply. Coinsurance based on charge. | 85X | 96X, or 97X or 98X | 76092 | FI payment is 115% of the lower of the charge or MPFS amount after coinsurance is deducted. |
| Professional Component service in a rural or urban HPSA area. Deductible does not apply. Coinsurance based on charge | 85X | 96X, or 97X or 98X | Modifier “-QB” or “-QU” for dates of service prior to January 1, 2006. For more information on HPSA modifiers see chapter 4, section 250.2.2 in Pub. 100-04. | If HPSA area, FI payment is 115% of 110% of the lower of the charge or MPFS amount after coinsurance is deducted times 110%. |
| Services on or after January 1 2002 | | | | |
| Technical Component Deductible does not apply. Coinsurance based on charge. | 85X | 403 | *76085 77057* (76092*) G0202 | FI payment is 80% of the lower of the charge or the fee schedule amount. |
| Professional Component Deductible does not apply. Coinsurance based on lower of MPFS or charge. | 85X | 96X, 97X, or 98X | *76085 77057* (76092*) G0202 | FI pays 115% of 80% (that is 92%) of the lower of the charge or the MPFS amount. |

| | TOB | Rev Code | HCPCS | Payment |
|--|------------|-----------------|--------------|----------------|
| <p>* Codes must be billed together on the same claim. Also note that 76085 is deleted after December 31, 2003. Use code 76083 for claims with dates of service January 1, 2004 thru December 31, 2006, and 77052 for claims with dates of service January 1, 2007 and later. Also, for claims with dates of service prior to January 1, 2007, CAHs report CPT code 76092. For claims of service with dates of service January 1, 2007 and later, CAHs report CPT code 77057.</p> | | | | |

20.3.2.4 - SNF Mammography Payment Table

(Rev. 1070, Issued: 09-29-06, Effective: 01-01-07, Implementation: 01-02-07)

Payment for Screening Mammography

| Screening Mammography (Revenue Code 0403) | Year 2000 | 2001 (April 1 - March 31, 2002) | April 1, 2002 and later |
|---|--|--|--|
| 77057* (76092*) Screening Mammography, bilateral No deductible, Coinsurance applies | Lesser of: 1. Charges or, 2. TC of MPFS 76091, or 3. Annual payment limit | Lesser of: 1. Charge or, 2. TC of MPFS for code 76091, or 3. Annual payment limit \$47.08 | Lower of: 1. Charge, or 2. TC of MPFS for code 77057* (76092*) |
| G0202 Screening Mammography, producing direct digital image, bilateral, all views. No deductible Coinsurance applies | N/A | Lower of: 1. Charge, or 2. 150% TC of MPFS for code 76091 | Lower of: 1. Charge, or 2. TC of MPFS for code G0202 |
| G0203 Screening mammography, film processed to produce digital image analyzed for potential abnormalities, bilateral, all views. No Deductible Coinsurance Applies | N/A | Lesser of: 1. Charge, 2. TC of MPFS for code 76091, or 3. \$57.28 (annual \$ limit of \$47.08 plus \$10.20 TC add on) | N/A |

* For claims with dates of service prior to January 1, 2007, SNFs report CPT codes 76091 and 76092. For claims with dates of service January 1, 2007 and later, SNFs report CPT codes 77056 and 77057 respectively.

Payment for Diagnostic Mammography

| Diagnostic Mammography (Revenue Code 401) | Year 2000 | 2001 (April 1- March 31, 2002) | April 1, 2002 and later |
|---|-------------------------------------|---|-------------------------------------|
| 77056* (76091*) Mammography, bilateral Deductible and coinsurance apply | Lower of charge or TC of MPFS | Lower of charge or TC of MPFS | Lower of charge or TC of MPFS |
| 77055* (76090*) Mammography, bilateral Deductible and coinsurance apply | Lower of charge or TC of MPFS | Lower of charge or TC of MPFS | Lower of charge or TC of MPFS |
| G0204 Diagnostic Mammography, direct digital image, bilateral, all views Deductible and coinsurance apply | N/A | Lower of: 1. Charge, or 2. 150% TC of MPFS for code 76091 | Lower of charge or MPFS |
| G0206 Diagnostic Mammography, direct digital image, unilateral, all views Deductible and coinsurance apply | N/A | Lower of charge or MPFS | Lower of charge or MPFS |
| G0205 Diagnostic Mammography, film processed to produce digital image analyzed for potential abnormalities, unilateral, all views Deductible and coinsurance apply | N/A | Lesser of: 1. Charge, 2. TC of MPFS for code 76091 or 3. \$57.28 (annual \$ limit of \$47.08 plus \$10.20TC add on) | N/A |
| G0207 Diagnostic Mammography, film processed to produce | N/A | Lower of charge or MPFS | N/A |

| Diagnostic Mammography (Revenue Code 401) | Year 2000 | 2001 (April 1- March 31, 2002) | April 1, 2002 and later |
|--|------------------|---|------------------------------------|
| digital image analyzed for potential abnormalities, unilateral, all views Deductible and coinsurance apply | | | |

* For claims with dates of service prior to January 1, 2007, SNFs report CPT codes 76090 and 76091. For claims with dates of service January 1, 2007 and later, SNFs report CPT codes 77055 and 77056 respectively.

Payment for Screening and Diagnostic Computer-Aided Detection (CAD)

| Computer-aided Detection (CAD) | Year 2000 | 2001 (April 1- Dec 31) | Year 2002 and later |
|---|------------------|-----------------------------------|--|
| 76085** CAD with screening mammography (may bill with 77057* (76092*)) No Deductible Coinsurance Applies | N/A | N/A | Lower of: 1. Charge or, 2. TC of MPFS for code 76085 |
| G0236 CAD with diagnostic mammography Deductible and coinsurance apply | N/A | N/A | SNFs cannot be paid for this service |

TC = technical component

MPFS= Medicare Physician Fee Schedule

* 76085 is a deleted code after December 31, 2003. Use code 76083* instead of 76085 for claims with dates of service through December 31, 2006, and code 77052 for claims with dates of service January 1, 2007 and later.

* For claims with dates of service prior to January 1, 2007, SNFs report CPT codes 76082, 76083, 76090, 76091, and 76092. For claims with dates of service January 1, 2007 and later, SNFs report CPT codes 77051, 77052, 77055, 77056, and 77057 respectively.

20.4 - Billing Requirements – FI/A MAC Claims

(Rev. 1519, Issued: 05-30-08, Effective: 05-23-08, Implementation: 06-30-08)

Contractors use the weekly-updated MQSA file to verify that the billing facility is certified by the FDA to perform mammography services, and has the appropriate certification to perform the type of mammogram billed (film and/or digital). (See §20.1.) FIs/A/B MACs use the provider number submitted on the claim to identify the facility and use the MQSA data file to verify the facility's certification(s). FIs/A/B MACs complete the following activities in processing mammography claims:

- If the provider number on the claim does not correspond with a certified mammography facility on the MQSA file, then intermediaries/A/B MACs deny the claim.
- When a film mammography HCPCS code is on a claim, the claim is checked for a "1" film indicator.
- If a film mammography HCPCS code comes in on a claim and the facility is certified for film mammography, the claim is paid if all other relevant Medicare criteria are met.
- If a film mammography HCPCS code is on a claim and the facility is certified for digital mammography only, the claim is denied.
- When a digital mammography HCPCS code is on a claim, the claim is checked for "2" digital indicator.
- If a digital mammography HCPCS code is on a claim and the facility is certified for digital mammography, the claim is paid if all other relevant Medicare criteria are met.
- If a digital mammography HCPCS code is on a claim and the facility is certified for film mammography only, the claim is denied.

NOTE: The Common Working File (CWF) no longer receives the mammography file for editing purposes.

Except as provided in the following sections for RHCs and FQHCs, the following procedures apply to billing for screening mammographies:

The technical component portion of the screening mammography is billed on Form CMS-1450 under bill type 12X, 13X, 14X**, 22X, 23X or 85X using revenue code 0403 and HCPCS code 77057* (76092*).

The technical component portion of the diagnostic mammography is billed on Form CMS-1450 under bill type 12X, 13X, 14X**, 22X, 23X or 85X using revenue code 0401 and HCPCS code 77055* (76090*), 77056* (76091*), G0204 and G0206.

Separate bills are required for claims for screening mammographies with dates of service prior to January 1, 2002. Providers include on the bill only charges for the screening mammography. Separate bills are not required for claims for screening mammographies with dates of service on or after January 1, 2002.

See separate instructions below for rural health clinics (RHCs) and federally qualified health centers (FQHCs).

* For claims with dates of service prior to January 1, 2007, providers report CPT codes 76090, 76091, and 76092. For claims with dates of service January 1, 2007 and later, providers report CPT codes 77055, 77056, and 77057 respectively.

** For claims with dates of service April 1, 2005 and later, hospitals bill for all mammography services under the 13X type of bill or for dates of service April 1, 2007 and later, 12X or 13X as appropriate. The 14X type of bill is no longer applicable. Appropriate bill types for providers other than hospitals are 22X, 23X, and 85X.

In cases where screening mammography services are self-referred and as a result an attending physician NPI is not available, the provider shall duplicate their facility NPI in the attending physician identifier field on the claim.

20.4.1 - Rural Health Clinics and Federally Qualified Health Centers (Rev. 1, 10-01-03)

20.4.1.1 - RHC/FQHC Claims With Dates of Service Prior to January 1, 2002 (Rev. 371, Issued 11-19-04, Effective: 04-01-05, Implementation: 04-04-05)

A. Provider-Based RHC and FQHC

For claims with dates of service prior to January 1, 2002, provider-based RHCs and FQHCs bill the FI for the technical component and their carrier for the professional component of the screening and diagnostic mammography. Provider-based RHCs and FQHCs use the base provider number and bill type (13X, 22X, 23X or 85X as appropriate) when billing the FI for this service. Payment is based on the payment method for the base provider - the limitation.

B. Independent RHCs and Freestanding FQHCs

Independent RHCs and freestanding FQHCs bill their carrier for both the technical and professional components. Payment is made based on the limitation.

20.4.1.2 - RHC/FQHC Claims With Dates of Service on or After January 1, 2002

(Rev. 1070, Issued: 09-29-06, Effective: 01-01-07, Implementation: 01-02-07)

A. Provider-Based RHC & FQHC - Technical Component

The technical component of a screening or diagnostic mammography for provider-based RHCs/FQHCs is typically furnished by the base provider. The provider of that service bills the FI under bill type 12X, 13X, 22X, 23X or 85X as appropriate using their outpatient provider number (not the RHC/FQHC provider number since these services are not covered as RHC/FQHC services). The appropriate revenue code for a screening mammography is 0403, and the appropriate HCPCS codes are 77057*, (76092)*, G0202, 76085, 77052*, and (76083)*. Payment is based on the payment method for the base provider.

The appropriate revenue code for a diagnostic mammography is 0401, and the appropriate HCPCS codes are 77055* (76090*), 77056* (76091*), G0204, G0206, 77051*, (76082)*, and G0236**.

**G0236 is a deleted code after December 31, 2003. Use 76082* for claims with dates of service January 1, 2004 through December 31, 2006, and code 77051 for claims with dates of service January 1, 2007 and later.

* For claims with dates of service prior to January 1, 2007, report CPT codes 76082, 76090, 76091, and 76092. For claims with dates of service January 1, 2007 and later, report CPT codes 77051, 77055, 77056, and 77057 respectively.

B. Independent RHCs and Freestanding FQHCs - Technical Component

The technical component of a screening or diagnostic mammography is outside the scope of the RHC/FQHC benefit. The practitioner that renders the technical service bills their carrier on Form CMS-1500. Payment is based on the MPFS.

C. Provider-Based RHC & FQHC, Independent RHCs and Freestanding FQHCs - Professional Component

For claims with dates of service on or after January 1, 2002 but before April 1, 2005, the professional component of a screening mammography furnished within an RHC/FQHC by a physician or nonphysician is considered an RHC/FQHC service. RHCs and FQHCs bill the FI under bill type 71X or 73X for the professional component along with revenue code 0403 and HCPCS code 76085* or 76092. Payment is made under the all-inclusive rate. Specific revenue coding and HCPCS coding is required for this service in order for CWF to perform age and frequency editing.

*76085 is a deleted code after December 31, 2003. Use 76083 for claims with dates of service on or after January 1, 2004 but before April 1, 2005.

For claims with dates of service on or after January 1, 2002 but before April 1, 2005, RHCs and FQHCs bill the FI under bill type 71X or 73X for the professional component of a diagnostic mammography along with revenue code 0401 and HCPCS codes 76090 or 76091.

Payment should not be made for a screening or diagnostic mammography unless the claim contains a related visit code. FIs should assure payment is not made for revenue code 0403 (screening mammography) or 0401 (diagnostic mammography). The claim must also contain a visit revenue code 0520 or 0521. Payment is made for the professional component under the all-inclusive rate for the line item reporting revenue code 0520 or 0521. No payment is made on the line item reporting revenue code 0403.

For claims with dates of service on or after April 1, 2005, the professional component of a screening mammography furnished within an RHC/FQHC by a physician or nonphysician is considered an RHC/FQHC service. RHCs and FQHCs bill the FI under bill type 71X or 73X for the professional component. Payment is made for the professional component under the all-inclusive rate. Additional revenue and HCPCS coding is no longer required for this service when RHCs/FQHCs are billing for the professional component. Use revenue code 0520 or 0521 as appropriate.

For claims with dates of service on or after April 1, 2005, RHCs and FQHCs bill the FI under bill type 71X or 73X for the professional component of a diagnostic mammography. Use revenue code 0520 or 0521 as appropriate. No HCPCS coding is required for the diagnostic mammography.

20.4.2 - FI Requirements for Nondigital Screening Mammographies (Rev. 1070, Issued: 09-29-06, Effective: 01-01-07, Implementation: 01-02-07)

The FI will consider the following when determining whether payment may be made:

- Presence of revenue code 0403;
- Presence of HCPCS code 77057* (76092*);
- Presence of high risk diagnosis code indicator where appropriate;
- Date of last screening mammography; and
- Age of beneficiary.

The FIs must accept revenue code 0403 for bill types 13X, 22X, 23X, 71X, 73X, or 85X.

* For claims with dates of service prior to January 1, 2007, providers report CPT code 76092. For claims with dates of service January 1, 2007 and later, providers report CPT code 77057.

20.4.2.1 - FI Data for CWF and the Provider Statistical and Reimbursement Report (PS&R)

(Rev. 1070, Issued: 09-29-06, Effective: 01-01-07, Implementation: 01-02-07)

The CWF records are annotated with the date of the first (technical) screening mammography claim received. The record is updated based on the next covered (technical) claim received. Contractors assume the claim is the first received for the beneficiary where records do not contain a date of last screening and process accordingly.

The FIs include revenue code, HCPCS code, units, and covered charges in the CWF record fields with the same name. They report the payment amount for revenue code 0403 in the CWF field named “Rate” and the billed charges in the field named “Charges” of the CWF record. In addition, FIs report special override code 1 in the field named “Special Action” of the CWF record to avoid application of the Part B deductible.

When a screening CAD (76085**) is billed in conjunction with a screening mammography (77057* (76092*)) and the screening mammography (77057* (76092*) or G0202) fails the age and frequency edits in CWF, both services will be rejected by CWF.

**76085 is a deleted code after December 31, 2003. Use 76083* for claims with dates of service January 1, 2004 through December 31, 2006, and code 77052 for claims with dates of service January 1, 2007 and later.

The FIs include in the financial data portion of the PS&R record, revenue code, HCPCS code, units, charges, and rate (fee schedule amount).

The PS&R system will include screening mammographies on a separate report from cost-based payments. See the PS&R guidelines for specific information.

* For claims with dates of service prior to January 1, 2007, providers report CPT codes 76083 and 76092. For claims with dates of service January 1, 2007 and later, providers report CPT codes 77052 and 77057 respectively.

20.5 - Billing Requirements – Carrier/B MAC Claims

(Rev. 1931, Issued: 03-12-10, Effective: 06-14-10, Implementation: 06-14-10)

Contractors use the weekly-updated file to verify that the billing facility is certified by the FDA to perform mammography services, and has the appropriate certification to perform the type of mammogram billed (film and/or digital). Carriers/B MACs match the FDA assigned, 6-digit mammography certification number on the claim to the FDA mammography certification number appearing on the file for the billing facility. Carriers/B MACs complete the following activities in processing mammography claims:

- If the claim does not contain the facility’s 6-digit certification number, or if a 6-digit certification number is not reported in item 32 of the Form CMS-1500 for paper

claims, or in the 2400 loop (REF 02 segment, where 01=EW segment) of the ASC X12N 837 professional claim format, version 4010A1, for electronic claims, then carriers/B MACs return the claim as unprocessable.

- If the claim contains a 6-digit certification number that is reported in the proper field or segment (as specified in the previous bullet) but such number does not correspond to the number specified in the MQSA file for the facility, then carriers/B MACs deny the claim.
- When a film mammography HCPCS code is on a claim, the claim is checked for a “1” film indicator.
- If a film mammography HCPCS code comes in on a claim and the facility is certified for film mammography, the claim is paid if all other relevant Medicare criteria are met.
- If a film mammography HCPCS code is on a claim and the facility is certified for digital mammography only, the claim is denied.
- When a digital mammography HCPCS code is on a claim, the claim is checked for “2” digital indicator.
- If a digital mammography HCPCS code is on a claim and the facility is certified for digital mammography, the claim is paid if all other relevant Medicare criteria are met.
- If a digital mammography HCPCS code is on a claim and the facility is certified for film mammography only, the claim is denied.
- Process the claim to the point of payment based on the information provided on the claim and in carrier claims history.
- Identify the claim as a screening mammography claim by the CPT-4 code listed in field 24D and the diagnosis code(s) listed in field 21 of Form CMS-1500.
- Assign physician specialty code 45 to facilities that are certified to perform only screening mammography.
- Ensure that entities that bill globally for screening mammography contain a blank in modifier modifier position #1.
- Ensure that entities that bill for the technical component use only HCPCS modifier “-TC.”
- Ensure that physicians who bill the professional component separately use HCPCS modifier “-26.”

- Send the mammography modifier to CWF in the first modifier position on the claim. If more than one modifier is necessary, e.g., if the service was performed in a rural Health Manpower Shortage Area (HMSA) facility, instruct providers to bill the mammography modifier in modifier position 1 and the rural (or other) modifier in modifier position 2.
- Ensure all those who are qualified include the 6-digit FDA-assigned certification number of the screening center in field 32 of Form CMS-1500 and in the REF02 segment (where 01 = EW segment) of the 2400 loop for the ASC X12N 837 professional claim format, version 4010A1. Carriers/B MACs retain this number in their provider files.
- Waive Part B deductible and apply coinsurance for a screening mammography.
- Add diagnosis code V76.12 if a claim comes in for screening mammography without a diagnosis and the carrier file data shows this is appropriate. If there are other diagnoses on the claim, but not code V76.12, add it. (Do not change or overlay code V76.12 but ADD it.) At a minimum, edit for age, frequency, and place of service (POS).
- After May 23, 2008, accept the screening mammography facility's NPI number in place of the attending/referring physician NPI number for self-referred mammography claims.
- When a mammography claim contains services subject to the anti-markup payment limitation and the service was acquired from another billing jurisdiction, the provider must submit their own NPI with the name, address, and zip code of the performing physician/supplier.
- Refer to Pub. 100-04, chapter 1, section 10.1.1.1., for claims processing instructions for payment jurisdiction on Form CMS-1500 and electronic form ANSI X12 837P.

NOTE: Beginning October 1, 2003, carriers/B MACs are no longer permitted to add the ICD-9 code for a screening mammography when the screening mammography claim has no diagnosis code. Screening mammography claims with no diagnosis code must be returned as unprocessable for assigned claims. For unassigned claims, deny the claim.

Carrier Provider Education

- Educate providers that when a screening mammography turns to a diagnostic mammography on the same day for the same beneficiary, add the “-GG” modifier to the diagnostic code and bill both codes on the same claim. Both services are reimbursable by Medicare.
- Educate providers that they cannot bill an add-on code without also billing for the appropriate mammography code. If just the add-on code is billed, the service will be denied. Both the add-on code and the appropriate mammography code should be on the same claim.

- Educate providers to submit their own NPI in place of an attending/referring physician NPI in cases where screening mammography services are self-referred.

20.5.1 - Part B Carrier Claim Record for CWF

(Rev. 60, 01-09-04)

B3-4601.3.B

Carriers complete the type of service field in the CWF Part B claim record with a “B” if the patient is a high risk screening mammography patient or a “C” if she is a low risk screening mammography patient for services prior to January 1, 1998.

For services on or after January 1, 1998, the type of service field on CWF must have a value of “1” for medical care (screening) or a “4” for diagnostic radiology (diagnostic). Fill in POS. Fill in deductible indicator field with a “1”; not subject to deductible if screening mammography. Submit the claim to the CWF host. Trailer 17 of the Part B Basic Reply record will give the date of the last screening mammography.

The CWF edits for age and frequency for screening mammography. There are no frequency limitations on diagnostic tests or CAD-diagnostic tests. When a screening CAD is billed in conjunction with a screening mammogram and the screening mammogram fails the age or frequency edits then both services will be rejected.

20.5.1.1 – Carrier and CWF Edits

(Rev. 1070, Issued: 09-29-06, Effective: 01-01-07, Implementation: 01-02-07)

The CWF will not edit for POS for screening mammography. Disable 76X1 edit.

Add-on CAD Code 76083 must be billed in conjunction with screening mammography code 76092 or G0202 for claims with dates of service on or after January 1, 2004 through December 31, 2006. For claims with dates of service January 1, 2007 and later, add on CAD code 77052 must be billed in conjunction with screening mammography code 77057 or G0202. Use Type of Service “1”.

Add-on CAD Code 76082 must be billed in conjunction with diagnostic mammography code 76090, 76091, G0204, or G0206 for claims with dates of service on or after January 1, 2004 through December 31, 2006. For claims with dates of service January 1, 2007 and later, add- on CAD code 77051 must be billed in conjunction with diagnostic mammography codes 77055, 77056, G0204 and G0206. Use Type of Service “4”.

Frequency edits apply to screening mammography with or without the CAD code. Screening and diagnostic mammographies (film and digital) are subject to the FDA certification. However, CAD equipment does not require FDA Certification.

20.5.2 - Transportation Costs for Mobile Units

(Rev. 1, 10-01-03)

B3-4601.2.J

Transportation costs are associated with mobile units for diagnostic mammography tests only. CMS formally added diagnostic mammography to the regulation language of the portable x-ray benefit in 42 CFR 410.32(c)(3). These units are usually reserved for screening tests only. For the screening tests performed in a mobile unit, there is no separate transportation cost allowed. Carriers should investigate transportation costs associated with the mobile mammography diagnostic tests that exceed data analysis guidelines.

To receive transportation payments, the approved portable x-ray supplier must also meet the certification requirements of §354 of the Public Health Service Act.

20.6 - Instructions When an Interpretation Results in Additional Films (Rev. 1070, Issued: 09-29-06, Effective: 01-01-07, Implementation: 01-02-07)

A. Claims With Dates of Service October 1, 1998 Through December 31, 2001

A radiologist who interprets a screening mammography is allowed to order and interpret additional films based on the results of the screening mammogram while the beneficiary is still at the facility for the screening exam. Where a radiologist interpretation results in additional films, the mammography is no longer considered a screening exam for application of age and frequency standards or for payment purposes. This can be done without an additional order from the treating physician. When this occurs, the claim will be billed and paid as a diagnostic mammography instead of a screening mammography. However, since the original intent for the exam was for screening, for statistical purposes, the claim is considered a screening.

The claim should be prepared for FI processing reflecting the diagnostic revenue code (0401) along with HCPCS code 76090, 76091, G0204, G0206 or G0236 as appropriate and modifier “-GH” “Diagnostic mammogram converted from screening mammogram on same day.” Statistics will be collected based on the presence of modifier “-GH.” A separate claim is not required. Regular billing instructions remain in place for mammograms that do not fit this situation.

Carriers should receive a claim for a screening mammogram with CPT code 76092 (screening mammography, bilateral) (Type of Service = 1) **but**, if the screening mammogram turns into a diagnostic mammogram, the claim is billed with CPT code 76090 (unilateral) or 76091 (bilateral), (TOS= 4), with the “-GH” modifier. Carriers pay the claim as a diagnostic mammography instead of a screening mammography.

NOTE: However, the ordering of a diagnostic test by a radiologist following a screening test that shows a potential problem need not be on the same date of service.

In this case, where additional diagnostic tests are performed for the same beneficiary, same visit on the same day, the UPIN of the treating physician is needed on the carrier claim. The radiologist must refer back to the treating physician for his/her UPIN and also report to the treating physician the condition of the patient. Carriers need to educate radiologists and treating physicians that the treating physician's UPIN is required whenever a physician refers or orders a diagnostic lab or radiology service. If no UPIN is present for the diagnostic mammography code, the carrier will reject the claim.

B. Claims With Dates of Service On or After January 1, 2002, (or On or After April 1, 2002 for Hospitals Subject to OPPS)

A radiologist who interprets a screening mammography is allowed to order and interpret additional films based on the results of the screening mammogram while a beneficiary is still at the facility for the screening exam. When a radiologist's interpretation results in additional films, Medicare will pay for both the screening and diagnostic mammogram.

Carrier Claims

For carrier claims, providers submitting a claim for a screening mammography and a diagnostic mammography for the same patient on the same day, attach modifier "-GG" to the diagnostic mammography. A modifier "-GG" is appended to the claim for the diagnostic mammogram for tracking and data collection purposes. Medicare will reimburse both the screening mammography and the diagnostic mammography.

FI Claims

FIs require the diagnostic claim be prepared reflecting the diagnostic revenue code (0401) along with HCPCS code 77055* (76090*), 77056* (76091*), G0204, G0206 or G0236 and modifier "-GG" "Performance and payment of a screening mammogram and diagnostic mammogram on the same patient, same day." Reporting of this modifier is needed for data collection purposes. Regular billing instructions remain in place for a screening mammography that does not fit this situation.

Both carrier and FI systems must accept the GH and GG modifiers where appropriate.

* For claims with dates of service prior to January 1, 2007, providers report CPT codes 76090 and 76091. For claims with dates of service January 1, 2007 and later, providers report CPT codes 77055 and 77056 respectively.

20.7 - Mammograms Performed With New Technologies (Rev. 1070, Issued: 09-29-06, Effective: 01-01-07, Implementation: 01-02-07)

Section 104 of the Benefits Improvement and Protection Act 2000, (BIPA) entitled Modernization of Screening Mammography Benefit, provides for new payment methodologies for both diagnostic and screening mammograms that utilize advanced new technologies for the period April 1, 2001, to December 31, 2001 (to March 31, 2002 for

hospitals subject to OPPS). Under this provision, payment for technologies that directly take digital images would equal 150 percent of the amount that would otherwise be paid for a bilateral diagnostic mammography. For technologies that convert standard film images to digital form, payment will be derived from the statutory screening mammography limit plus an additional payment of \$15.00 for carrier claims and \$10.20 for FI (technical component only) claims.

Payment restrictions for digital screening and diagnostic mammography apply to those facilities that meet all FDA certifications as provided under the Mammography Quality Standards Act. However, CAD codes billed in conjunction with digital mammographies or film mammographies are not subject to FDA certification requirements.

Mammography related CAD equipment does not require FDA certification.

Mammography utilizes a direct x-ray of the breast. By contrast, the CAD process uses laser beam to scan the mammography film from a film (analog) mammography, converts it into digital data for the computer, and analyzes the video display for areas suspicious for cancer. The CAD process used with digital mammography analyzes the data from the mammography on a video display for suspicious areas. The patient is not required to be present for the CAD process.

Only one screening mammogram, either 77057* (76092*) or G0202, may be billed in a calendar year. Therefore, providers/suppliers must not submit claims reflecting both a film screening mammography (77057* (76092*)) and a digital screening mammography G0202. Also, they must not submit claims reflecting HCPCS codes 77055* (76090*) or 77056* (76091*) (diagnostic mammography-film) and G0204 or G0206 (diagnostic mammography-digital). Contractors deny the claim when both a film and digital screening or diagnostic mammography is reported. However, a screening and diagnostic mammography can be billed together.

* For claims with dates of service prior to January 1, 2007, providers report CPT codes 76090, 76091, and 76092. For claims with dates of service January 1, 2007 and later, providers report CPT codes 77055, 77056, and 77057 respectively.

A. Payment Requirements for FI Claims With Dates of Service On or After April 1, 2001 Through December 31, 2001 (Through March 31, 2002 for Hospitals Subject to OPPS).

Providers bill the FI for the technical component of screening and diagnostic mammographies that utilize advanced technologies with one of six new HCPCS codes, G0202 - G0207. See payment methodology below for each of the codes during the period April 1, 2001 through December 31, 2001 (or March 31, 2002 for hospitals subject to OPPS). Payments for codes G0202 through G0205 are based, in part, on the MPFS payment amounts. The amounts that are based on the MPFS that both carriers and FIs use in calculating the payments for these codes were furnished in a BIPA mammography benefit pricing file for implementation on April 1, 2001.

HCPCS Definition

G0202 Screening mammography producing direct digital image, bilateral, all views

Payment Method:

Payment will be the lesser of the provider's charge or the amount that will be provided for this code in the pricing file. (That amount is 150 percent of the locality specific technical component payment amount under the physician fee schedule for CPT code 76091, the code for bilateral diagnostic mammogram, during 2001.) Part B deductible does not apply. Coinsurance will equal 20 percent of the lesser of the actual charge or 150 percent of the locality specific payment of CPT code 76091.

HCPCS Definition

G0203 Screening mammography, film processed to produce digital image analyzed for potential abnormalities, bilateral, all views

Payment Method:

Payment will be equal to the lesser of the actual charge for the procedure, the amount that is provided in the pricing file (which represents 68 percent of the locality specific global payment amount for a bilateral diagnostic mammography (CPT 76091) under the physician fee schedule), or \$57.28 (which represents the amount of the 2001 statutory limit for a screening mammography attributable to the technical component of the service, plus the technical portion of the \$15.00 add-on for 2001 which is provided under the new legislation). Part B deductible does not apply. Coinsurance is 20 percent of the charge.

HCPCS Definition

G0204 Diagnostic mammography, direct digital image, bilateral, all views

Payment Method:

Payment will be the lesser of the provider's charge or the amount that will be provided for this code in the pricing file. (That amount is 150 percent of the locality specific amount paid under the physician fee schedule for the technical component (TC) of CPT code 76091, the code for a bilateral diagnostic mammogram.) Deductible is applicable. Coinsurance will equal 20 percent of the lesser of the actual charge or 150 percent of the locality specific payment of CPT code 76091.

NOTE: Effective January 1, 2005, payment will be made under MPFS for claims from hospitals subject to OPPS.

HCPCS Definition

G0205 Diagnostic mammography, film processed to produce digital image analyzed for

potential abnormalities, bilateral, all views.

Payment Method:

Payment will be equal to the lesser of the actual charge for the procedure, the amount that will be provided in the pricing file (which represents 68 percent of the locality specific global payment amount for a bilateral diagnostic mammography (CPT 76091) under the physician fee schedule), or \$57.28 (which represents the amount of the 2001 statutory limit for a screening mammography attributable to the technical component of the service, plus the technical portion of the \$15.00 add-on for 2001 which is provided under the new legislation). Deductible applies. Coinsurance is 20 percent of the charge.

HCPCS Definition

G0206 Diagnostic mammography, direct digital image, unilateral, all views.

Payment Method:

Payment will be made based on the same amount that is paid to the provider, under the payment method applicable to the specific provider type (e.g., hospital, rural health clinic, etc.) for CPT code 76090, the code for a mammogram, and one breast. For example, this service, when furnished as a hospital outpatient service, will be paid the amount under the outpatient prospective payment system (OPPS) for CPT code 76090. Deductible applies. Coinsurance is the national unadjusted coinsurance for the APC wage adjusted for the specific hospital.

NOTE: Effective January 1, 2005, payment will be made under MPFS for claims from hospitals subject to OPPS.

HCPCS Definition

G0207 Diagnostic mammography, film processed to produce digital image analyzed for potential abnormalities, unilateral, all views.

Payment Method:

Payment will be based on the same amount that is paid to the provider, under the payment method applicable to the specific provider type (e.g., hospital, rural health clinic, etc.) for CPT code 76090, the code for mammogram, and one breast. For example, this service, when furnished as a hospital outpatient service, will be paid the amount payable under the OPPS for CPT code 76090. Deductible applies. Coinsurance is the national unadjusted coinsurance for the APC wage adjusted for the specific hospital.

B. Payment Requirements for Claims with Dates of Service on or After January 1, 2002 (April 1, 2002 for hospitals subject to OPPS).

Codes G0203, G0205 and G0207 are not billable codes for claims with dates of service on or after January 1, 2002 (April 1, 2002 for hospitals subject to OPPS).

FI Payment

Code Payment

G0202 Payment will be equal to the lower of the actual charge or the locality specific technical component payment amount under the MPFS when performed in a hospital outpatient department, CAH, or SNF. Coinsurance is 20 percent of the lower amount; the Program pays 80 percent.

Deductible does not apply.

G0204 Payment will be made under OPFS for hospital outpatient departments. Coinsurance is the national unadjusted coinsurance for the APC wage adjusted for the specific hospital. Payment will be made on a reasonable cost basis for CAHs and coinsurance is based on charges. Payment is made under the MPFS when performed in a SNF and coinsurance is 20 percent of the lower of the actual charge or the MPFS amount.

Deductible applies.

NOTE: Effective January 1, 2005, payment will be made under MPFS for claims from hospitals subject to OPFS.

G0206 Payment will be made under OPFS for hospital outpatient departments. Coinsurance is the national unadjusted coinsurance for the APC wage adjusted for the specific hospital. Payment will be made on a reasonable cost basis for CAHs and coinsurance is based on charges. Payment is made under the MPFS when performed in a SNF. Coinsurance is 20 percent of the lower of the actual charge or the MPFS amount.

Deductible applies.

NOTE: Effective January 1, 2005, payment will be made under MPFS for claims from hospitals subject to OPFS.

Providers bill for the technical portion of screening and diagnostic mammograms on Form CMS-1450 under bill type 13X, 22X, 23X, or 85X. The professional component is billed to the carrier on Form CMS-1500 (or electronic equivalent).

Providers bill for digital screening mammographies on Form CMS-1450, utilizing revenue code 0403 and HCPCS G0202 or G0203.

Providers bill for digital diagnostic mammographies on Form CMS-1450, utilizing revenue code 0401 and HCPCS G0204, G0205, G0206 or G0207.

NOTE: Codes G0203, G0205 and G0207 are not billable codes for claims with dates of service on or after January 1, 2002.

CAHs electing the optional method of payment for outpatient services are paid according to §20.3.2.3 of this chapter.

Carrier Payment

All codes paid by the carrier are based on the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule (MPFS).

| Code | Payment |
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| G0202 | Payment is the lesser of the provider's charge or the MPFS amount provided for this code in the pricing file. |
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Part B deductible does not apply, however, coinsurance applies.

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| G0204 | Payment is the lesser of the provider's charge or the MPFS amount provided for this code in the pricing file. |
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Deductible and coinsurance apply.

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| G0206 | Payment is the lesser of the provider's charge or the MPFS amount provided for this code in the pricing file. |
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Deductible and coinsurance apply.

Contractors were furnished a mammography benefit pricing file to pay claims containing the above codes.

20.8 - Beneficiary and Provider Notices

(Rev. 1, 10-01-03)

B3-4601.4, A3-3660.10.I, SNF-537.2.G

20.8.1 - MSN Messages

(Rev. 298, Issued: 09-10-04, Effective/Implementation: 09-25-04)

B3-4601.4, A3-3660.10.I

The following messages are used on the MSN.

If the claim is denied because the beneficiary is under 35 years of age, use the following MSN:

MSN 18.3:

Screening mammography is not covered for women under 35 years of age.

The Spanish version of this MSN message should read:

Las pruebas de mamografía para mujeres menores de 35 años no están cubiertas.

If the claim is denied for a woman 35-39 because she has previously received this examination, use the following MSN:

MSN 18.6:

A screening mammography is covered only once for women age 35-39.

The Spanish version of this MSN message should read:

Una mamografía de cernimiento es cubierta una vez solamente para mujeres entre las edades de 35-39.

If the claim is denied because the period of time between screenings for the woman based on age has not passed, use the following MSN:

MSN 18.4:

This service is being denied because it has not been 12 months since your last examination of this kind. (NOTE: Insert appropriate number of months.)

The Spanish version of this MSN message should read:

Este servicio se denegó debido a que no han transcurrido 12 meses desde su último examen de este tipo.

If the claim is denied because the provider is not certified to perform this service (film mammography) or if the claim is denied because the provider is not certified to perform this service (digital mammography), use the following MSN:

MSN 16.2:

This service cannot be paid when provided in this location/facility.

The Spanish version of this MSN message should read:

Este servicio no se puede pagar cuando es suministrado en este sitio/facilidad.

In addition to the above denial messages, the FI/carrier may add the following:

MSN 18.12:

Screening mammograms are covered annually for women 40 years of age and older.

The Spanish version of this MSN message should read:

El examen de mamografía de cernimiento se cubre una vez al año para mujeres de 40 años de edad o más.

For Carriers only:

For claims submitted with invalid or missing certification number, use the following MSN:

MSN 9.2:

This item or service was denied because information required to make payment was missing.

The Spanish version of this MSN message should read:

Este artículo o servicio fue denegado porque la información requerida para hacer el pago fue omitida.

20.8.2 - Remittance Advice Messages

(Rev. 1387, Issued: 12-07-07, Effective: 04-01-08, Implementation: 04-07-08)

If the claim is denied because the beneficiary is under 35 years of age, contractors must use existing ASC X12N 835 claim adjustment reason code/message 6, “The procedure/revenue code is inconsistent with the patient’s age” along with the remark code M37 (at the line item level), “Service is not covered when the patient is under age 35.”

If the claim is denied for a woman 35-39 because she has previously received this examination, contractors must use existing ASC X12N 835 claim adjustment reason code/message 119, “Benefit maximum for this time period or occurrence has been reached” along with the remark code M89 (at the line item level), “Not covered more than once under age 40.”

If the claim is denied for a woman age 40 and above because she has previously received this examination within the past 12 months, contractors must use existing ASC X12N 835 claim adjustment reason code/message 119, “Benefit maximum for this time period or occurrence has been reached” along with remark code M90 (at the line item level), “Not covered more than once in a 12-month period.”

For Intermediaries/A MACs only:

If the claim is denied because the provider that performed the screening is not certified to perform the type of mammography billed (film and/or digital) use existing ASC X12N 835 claim adjustment reason code/message B7, "This provider was not certified/eligible to be paid for this procedure/service on this date of service."

For Carriers/B MACs only:

For claims submitted by a facility not certified to perform film mammography, use existing reason code 171, "Payment is denied when performed/billed by this type of provider in this type of facility." along with remark code N110, "This facility is not certified for film mammography."

For claims submitted by a facility not certified to perform digital mammograms, use existing reason code 171, "This payment is adjusted when performed/billed by this type of provider, by this type of provider in this type of facility, or by a provider of this specialty" along with remark code N92, "This facility is not certified for digital mammography."

For claims that were submitted without the facility's FDA-assigned certification number, use existing reason code 16, "Claim/service lacks information which is needed for adjudication" along with remark code MA128 "Missing/incomplete/invalid FDA approval number."

For claims that were submitted with an invalid facility certification number, use existing reason code 125, "Payment adjusted due to a submission/billing error(s) along with remark code MA128 "Missing/incomplete/invalid FDA approval number."

30 - Screening Pap Smears **(Rev. 1, 10-01-03)**

A3-3628.1, B3-4603.1, B3-4603.1A, SNF-541.2

Effective January 1, 1998, §1861(nn) of the Act (42 USC 1395x(nn)) provides Medicare Part B coverage for a screening Pap smear for women under certain conditions. See the Medicare Benefit Policy Manual, Chapter 15, for coverage of screening PAP smears.

To be covered screening Pap smears must be ordered and collected by a doctor of medicine or osteopathy (as defined in §1861(r)(l) of the Act), or other authorized practitioner (e.g., a certified nurse midwife, physician assistant, nurse practitioner, or clinical nurse specialist, who is authorized under State law to perform the examination) under **one** of the conditions identified in §30.1, below.

30.1 - Pap Smears From January 1, 1998, Through June 30 2001 **(Rev. 1, 10-01-03)**

B3-4603.1A.1, B3-4603.1A.2, B3-4603.1A.3, A3-3628.1A

The following requirements must be met.

1. The beneficiary has not had a screening Pap smear test during the preceding three years (i.e., 35 months have passed following the month that the woman had the last covered Pap smear. Use one of the following ICD-9-CM codes V76.2, V76.47, or V76.49; **or**
2. There is evidence (on the basis of her medical history or other findings) that she is of childbearing age and has had an examination that indicated the presence of cervical or vaginal cancer or other abnormalities during any of the preceding 3 years; **and** at least 11 months have passed following the month that the last covered Pap smear was performed; **or**
3. She is at high risk of developing cervical or vaginal cancer (use ICD-9-CM code V15.89, other specified personal history presenting hazards to health) **and** at least 11 months have passed following the month that the last covered screening Pap smear was performed. The high risk factors for cervical and vaginal cancer are:
 - a. Cervical Cancer High Risk Factors:
 - Early onset of sexual activity (under 16 years of age)
 - Multiple sexual partners (5 or more in a lifetime)
 - History of a sexually transmitted disease (including HIV infection)
 - Fewer than three negative or any Pap smears within the previous 7 years
 - b. Vaginal Cancer High Risk Factors:
 - DES (diethylstilbestrol)-exposed daughters of women who took DES during pregnancy.

NOTE: The term “woman of childbearing age” means a woman who is premenopausal, and has been determined by a physician, or qualified practitioner, to be of childbearing age, based on her medical history or other findings.

COUNTING: To determine the 11-, 23-, and 35-month periods, start counts beginning with the month after the month in which a previous test/procedure was performed.

COUNTING EXAMPLE: A beneficiary identified as being at high risk for developing cervical cancer received a screening Pap smear in January 2000. Start counts beginning with February 2000. The beneficiary is eligible to receive another screening Pap smear in January 2001 (the month after 11 full months have passed).

30.2 - Pap Smears On and After July 1, 2001 (Rev. 1, 10-01-03)

B3-4603.1.B, A3-3628.1.A.1

If the beneficiary does not qualify for more frequent screening based on paragraphs (2) and (3) above, for services performed on or after July 1, 2001, payment may be made for a screening PAP smear after 23 months have passed after the end of the month of the last covered smear. All other coverage and payment requirements remain the same.

30.3 - Deductible and Coinsurance (Rev. 1, 10-01-03)

B3-4603.4, A3-3628.1.A.3

Neither the Part B deductible nor coinsurance apply for services paid under the laboratory fee schedule. The Part B deductible for screening Pap smear and services paid for under the physician fee schedule is waived effective January 1, 1998. Coinsurance applies.

A. Carrier Action for Submitting Claim to CWF and CWF Edit

B3-4603.4, B3-4603.6, B3-4603.1.B

When a carrier receives a claim for a screening Pap smear, performed on or after January 1, 1998, it must enter a deductible indicator of 1 (not subject to deductible) in field 67 of the HUBC record.

CWF will edit for screening pelvic examinations performed more frequently than allowed according to the presence of high risk factors.

30.4 - Payment Method (Rev. 1, 10-01-03)

B3-4603.1.C.1 and 2

Payment may be under the clinical diagnostic lab fee schedule or the MPFS, depending upon the code billed. See the categories in §30.5 of this chapter for a description.

30.4.1 - Payment Method for RHCs and FQHCs (Rev. 795, Issued: 12-30-05; Effective: 10-01-04; Implementation: 04-03-06)

The professional component of a screening Pap smear furnished within an RHC/FQHC by a physician or non physician is considered an RHC/FQHC service. RHCs and FQHCs bill the FI under bill type 71X or 73X for the professional component along with revenue code 052X. See Chapter 9, for RHC and FQHC bill processing instructions.

The technical component of a screening Pap smear is outside the scope of the RHC/FQHC benefit. If the technical component of this service is furnished within an independent RHC or freestanding FQHC, the provider of that technical service bills the carrier on Form CMS-1500.

If the technical component of a screening Pap smear is furnished within a provider-based RHC/FQHC, the provider of that service bills the FI under bill type 13X, 14X, 22X, 23X, or 85X as appropriate using their outpatient provider number (not the RHC/FQHC provider number since these services are not covered as RHC/FQHC services). The appropriate revenue code is 311. Effective 4/1/06, type of bill 14X is for non-patient laboratory specimens.

30.5 - HCPCS Codes for Billing

(Rev. 795, Issued: 12-30-05; Effective: 10-01-04; Implementation: 04-03-06)

The following HCPCS codes can be used for screening Pap smear:

A. Codes Billed to the Carrier and Paid Under the Physician Fee Schedule

The following HCPCS codes are submitted by those providers/entities that submit claims to carriers. The deductible is waived for these services effective January 1, 1998, however, coinsurance applies.

NOTE: These codes are not billed on FI claims except for HCPCS code Q0091 which may be submitted to FIs. Payment for code Q0091 performed in a hospital outpatient department is under OPPTS, (see 30.5C).

- Q0091 - Screening Papanicolaou (Pap) smear, obtaining, preparing and conveyance of cervical or vaginal smear to laboratory;
- P3001 - Screening Papanicolaou smear, cervical or vaginal, up to three smears requiring interpretation by a physician;
- G0124 - Screening cytopathology, cervical or vaginal (any reporting system), collected in preservative fluid, automated thin layer preparation, requiring interpretation by physician; and
- G0141 - Screening cytopathology smears, cervical or vaginal, performed by automated system, with manual re-screening, requiring interpretation by physician.

B. Codes Paid Under the Clinical Lab Fee Schedule by FI and Carriers

The following codes are billed to FIs by providers they serve, or billed to carriers by the physicians/suppliers they service. Deductible and coinsurance do not apply.

- P3000 - Screening Papanicolaou smear, cervical or vaginal, up to three smears, by a technician under the physician supervision;
- G0123 - Screening cytopathology, cervical or vaginal (any reporting system) collected in preservative fluid; automated thin layer preparation, screening by cytotechnologist under physician supervision;
- G0143 - Screening cytopathology, cervical or vaginal, (any reporting system), collected in preservative fluid, automated thin layer preparation, with manual screening and re-screening, by cytotechnologist under physician supervision;
- G0144 - Screening cytopathology, cervical or vaginal, (any reporting system), collected in preservative fluid, automated thin layer preparation, with screening by automated system under physician supervision;
- G0145 - Screening cytopathology, cervical or vaginal, (any reporting system), collected in preservative fluid, automated thin layer preparation, with screening by automated system and manual re-screening under physician supervision;
- G0147 - Screening cytopathology smears, cervical or vaginal, performed by automated system under physician supervision; and
- G0148 - Screening cytopathology smears, cervical or vaginal, performed by automated system with manual reevaluation.

C. Payment of Q0091 When Billed to FIs

Payment for code Q0091 in a hospital outpatient department is under OPPS. A SNF is paid using the technical component of the MPFS. For a CAH, payment is on a reasonable cost basis. For RHC/FQHCs payment is made under the all inclusive rate for the professional component. Deductible is not applicable, however, coinsurance applies.

The technical component of a screening Pap smear is outside the RHC/FQHC benefit. If the technical component of a screening Pap smear is furnished within a provider-based RHC/FQHC, the provider of that service bills the FI under the bill type 13X, 14X, 22X, 23X, or 85X as appropriate using their base provider number (not the RHC/FQHC provider number since these services are not covered as RHC/FQHC services). For independent RHCs/FQHCs, the practitioner bills the technical component to the carrier on Form CMS-1500 or the ANSI X12N 837 P. Effective 4/1/06, type of bill 14X is for non-patient laboratory specimens.

D. Payment of Q0091 When Billed to Carriers

Payment for Q0091 is paid under the Medicare physician fee schedule. Deductible is not applicable, however the coinsurance applies.

Effective for services on and after July 1, 2005, on those occasions when physicians must perform a screening Pap smear (Q0091) that they know will not be covered by Medicare because the low risk patient has already received a covered Pap smear (Q0091) in the past 2 years, the physician can bill Q0091 and the claim will be denied appropriately. The physician shall obtain an advance beneficiary notice (ABN) in these situations as the denial will be considered a not reasonable and necessary denial. The physician indicates on the claim that an ABN has been obtained by using the GA modifier.

Effective for services on or after April 1, 1999, a covered evaluation and management (E/M) visit and code Q0091 may be reported by the same physician for the same date of service if the E/M visit is for a separately identifiable service. In this case, the modifier “-25” must be reported with the E/M service and the medical records must clearly document the E/M reported. Both procedure codes should be shown as separate line items on the claim. These services can also be performed separately on separate office visits.

E. Common Working File (CWF) Editing for Q0091

The CWF will edit for claims containing the HCPCS code Q0091 effective for dates of service on and after July 1, 2005. Previously, the editing for Q0091 had been removed from the CWF. Medicare pays for a screening Pap smear every 2 years for low risk patients based on the low risk diagnoses, see sections 30.2 and 30.6. Medicare pays for a screening Pap smear every year for a high risk patient based on the high risk diagnosis, see sections 30.1 and 30.6. This criteria will be the CWF parameters for editing Q0091.

In those situations where unsatisfactory screening Pap smear specimens have been collected and conveyed to clinical labs that are unable to interpret the test results, another specimen will have to be collected. When the physician bills for this reconveyance, the physician should annotate the claim with Q0091 along with modifier -76, (repeat procedure by same physician).

30.6 - Diagnoses Codes

(Rev. 1472, Issued: 03-06-08, Effective: 05-23-07, Implementation: 04-07-08)

Below is the current diagnoses that should be used when billing for screening Pap smear services. Effective, July 1, 2005, V72.31 is being added to the CWF edit as an additional low risk diagnosis. The following chart lists the diagnosis codes that CWF must recognize for low risk or high risk patients for screening Pap smear services.

| Low Risk Diagnosis Codes | Definitions |
|---------------------------------|---|
| V76.2 | Special screening for malignant neoplasms, cervix |
| V76.47 | Special screening for malignant neoplasm, vagina |
| V76.49 | Special screening for malignant neoplasm, other sites |

| Low Risk Diagnosis Codes | Definitions |
|--------------------------|---|
| | NOTE: providers use this diagnosis for women without a cervix. |
| V72.31 | Routine gynecological examination NOTE: This diagnosis should only be used when the provider performs a full gynecological examination. |
| High Risk Diagnosis Code | |
| V15.89 | Other |

A. Applicable Diagnoses for Billing a Carrier

There are a number of appropriate diagnosis codes that can be used in billing for screening Pap smear services that the provider can list on the claim to give a true picture of the patient's condition. Those diagnoses can be listed in Item 21 of Form CMS-1500 or the electronic equivalent (see Chapter 26 for electronic equivalent formats). In addition, one of the following diagnoses shall appear on the claim: the low risk diagnosis of V76.2, V76.47, V76.49 and (effective July 1, 2005, V72.31) or the high risk diagnosis of V15.89 (for high risk patients). One of the above diagnoses must be listed in item 21 of the Form CMS-1500 or the electronic equivalent to indicate either low risk or high risk depending on the patient's condition. Then either the low risk or high risk diagnosis must also be pointed to in Item 24E of Form CMS-1500 or the electronic equivalent. Providers must make sure that for screening Pap smears for a high risk beneficiary, that the high risk diagnosis code of V15.89 appears in Item 21 and V15.89 is the appropriate diagnosis code that must be pointed to in Item 24E or the electronic equivalent. If Pap smear claims do not point to one of these specific diagnoses in Item 24E or the electronic equivalent, the claim will reject in the CWF. **Periodically, carriers should do provider education on diagnosis coding of Pap smear claims.**

If these pointers are not present on claims submitted to carriers, CWF will reject the record.

B. Applicable Diagnoses for Billing an FI

Providers report one of the following diagnosis codes in Form CMS-1450 or the electronic equivalent (**NOTE:** Information regarding the form locator numbers that correspond to the diagnosis codes and a table to crosswalk its CMS-1450 form locator to the 837 transaction is found in Chapter 25.):

Low risk diagnosis codes:

V76.2

V76.47
V76.49
V72.31

High risk diagnosis codes

V15.89

Periodically provider education should be done on diagnosis coding of Pap Smear claims.

30.7 - Type of Bill and Revenue Codes for Form CMS-1450

(Rev. 827, Issued: 02-01-06; Effective Date: 07-01-06; Implementation Date: 07-03-06)

The applicable bill types for screening Pap smears are 12X, 13X, 14X, 22X, 23X, and 85X. Use revenue code 0311 (laboratory, pathology, cytology). Report the screening pap smear as a diagnostic clinical laboratory service using one of the HCPCS codes shown in §30.5.B.

In addition, CAHs electing method II report professional services under revenue codes 096X, 097X, or 098X.

Effective April 1, 2006, type of bill 14X is for non-patient laboratory specimens.

30.8 - MSN Messages

(Rev. 1, 10-01-03)

If there are no high risk factors, and the screening Pap smear and/or screening pelvic examination is being denied because the procedure/examination is performed more frequently than allowed use MSN 18.17:

Medicare pays for a screening Pap smear and/or screening pelvic examination only once every (2, 3) years unless high risk factors are present.

30.9 - Remittance Advice Codes

If high risk factors are not present, and the screening Pap smear and/or screening pelvic examination is being denied because the procedure/examination is performed more frequently than allowed, use existing ANSI X12N 835:

- Claim adjustment reason code 119 - "Benefit maximum for this time period has been reached" at the line level, and
- Remark code M83 - "Service is not covered unless the patient is classified as at high risk: at the line item level.

40 - Screening Pelvic Examinations

(Rev. 1541, Issued: 06-20-08, Effective: 09-23-08, Implementation: 09-23-08)

Section 4102 of the BBA of 1997 (P.L. 105-33) amended §1861(nn) of the Act (42 USC 1395X(nn)) to include Medicare Part B coverage of screening pelvic examinations (including a clinical breast examination) for all female beneficiaries for services provided January 1, 1998 and later. Effective July 1, 2001, the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2001 (P.L. 106-554) modifies §1861(nn) to provide Medicare Part B coverage for biennial screening pelvic examinations. A screening pelvic examination with or without specimen collection for smears and cultures, should include at least seven of the following eleven elements:

- Inspection and palpation of breasts for masses or lumps, tenderness, symmetry, or nipple discharge;
- Digital rectal examination including sphincter tone, presence of hemorrhoids, and rectal masses;
- External genitalia (for example, general appearance, hair distribution, or lesions);
- Urethral meatus (for example, size, location, lesions, or prolapse);
- Urethra (for example, masses, tenderness, or scarring);
- Bladder (for example, fullness, masses, or tenderness);
- Vagina (for example, general appearance, estrogen effect, discharge, lesions, pelvic support, cystocele, or rectocele);
- Cervix (for example, general appearance, lesions or discharge)
- Uterus (for example, size, contour, position, mobility, tenderness, consistency, descent, or support);
- Adnexa/parametria (for example, masses, tenderness, organomegaly, or nodularity); and

Anus and perineum.

40.1 - Screening Pelvic Examinations From January 1, 1998, Through June 30 2001

(Rev. 1, 10-01-03)

B3-4603.2.A, B3-4603.5, A3-3628.1.B.1, R1888.A.3 Dated 6-3-2003

The following requirements must be met.

The exam must be performed by a doctor of medicine or osteopathy (as defined in §1861(r)(1) of the Act), or by a certified nurse midwife (as defined in §1861(gg) of the Act), or a physician assistant, nurse practitioner, or clinical nurse specialist (as defined in §1861(aa) of the Act) who is authorized under State law to perform the examination. This examination does not have to be ordered by a physician or other authorized practitioner.

Payment may be made: Once every three years on an asymptomatic woman only if the individual has not had a screening pelvic examination paid for by Medicare during the preceding 35 months following the month in which the last Medicare-covered screening pelvic examination was performed. The provider uses one of the following ICD-9-CM codes V76.2, V76.47, or V76.49. Exceptions are as follows:

- Payment may be made for a screening pelvic examination performed more frequently than once every 35 months if the test is performed by a physician or other practitioner and there is evidence that the woman is at high risk (on the basis of her medical history or other findings) of developing cervical cancer, or vaginal cancer. (providers use ICD-9-CM code V15.89, other specified personal history presenting hazards to health.) The high risk factors for cervical and vaginal cancer are:

Cervical Cancer High Risk Factors

- Early onset of sexual activity (under 16 years of age)
- Multiple sexual partners (five or more in a lifetime)
- History of a sexually transmitted disease (including HIV infection)
- Fewer than three negative or any Pap smears within the previous seven years

Vaginal Cancer High Risk Factors

- DES (diethylstilbestrol)-exposed daughters of women who took DES during pregnancy.

ICD-9-CM code V15.89, other specified personal history presenting hazards to health is used to indicate that one or more of these factors is present; or

- Payment may also be made for a screening pelvic examination performed more frequently than once every 36 months if the examination is performed by a physician or other practitioner, for a woman of childbearing age, who has had such an examination that indicated the presence of cervical or vaginal cancer or other abnormality during any of the preceding three years. The term “women of childbearing age” means a woman who is premenopausal, and has been

determined by a physician, or qualified practitioner, to be of childbearing age, based on her medical history or other findings. Payment is not made for a screening pelvic examination for women at high risk or who qualify for coverage under the childbearing provision more frequently than once every 11 months after the month that the last screening pelvic examination covered by Medicare was performed.

- For claims with dates of service on or after July 1, 2001, if the beneficiary does not qualify for an annual screening pelvic exam as noted above, pay for the screening pelvic exam only after at least 23 months have passed following the month during which the beneficiary received her last covered screening pelvic exam. All other coverage and payment requirements remain the same.

Calculating the Frequency Limitations

To determine the screening periods, start counts beginning with the month after the month in which a previous test/procedure was performed.

Frequency Limitation Example

A beneficiary identified as being at high risk for developing cervical cancer received a pelvic exam in January 2002. Start counts beginning with February 2002. The beneficiary is eligible to receive another screening exam, if high risk, in January 2003 (the month after 11 full months have passed).

40.2 - Screening Pelvic Examinations on and After July 1, 2001 (Rev. 1, 10-01-03)

B3-4603.2.B and C, A3-3628.1.B.1

When the beneficiary does not qualify for a more frequently performed screening pelvic exam noted in §40.1 of this chapter, items 2, or 3, the screening pelvic exam may be paid only after at least 23 months have passed following the month during which the beneficiary received her last covered screening pelvic exam. All other coverage and payment requirements remain the same.

A HCPCS code has been established for the pelvic and clinical breast examinations. Use code G0101 (cervical or vaginal cancer screening, pelvic and clinical breast examination).

40.3 - Deductible and Coinsurance (Rev. 1, 10-01-03)

B3-4603.2.C, A3-3628.1.B.3

The Part B deductible for screening pelvic examinations is waived effective January 1, 1998. Coinsurance is applicable.

A. Action When Submitting Claims to CWF and CWF Edit

B3-4603.4, B3-4603.6, A3-3628.1.C.1

When a carrier receives a claim for a pelvic examination, performed on or after January 1, 1998, it must enter a deductible indicator of 1 (not subject to deductible) in field 65 of the HUBC record.

When an FI receives a claim for a screening pelvic examination (including a clinical breast examination), performed on or after January 1, 1998, it reports special override Code 1 in the “Special Action Code/Override Code” field of the CWF record for the line item, indicating the Part B deductible does not apply.

CWF edits for screening pelvic examinations performed more frequently than allowed according to the presence of high risk factors.

40.4 - Diagnoses Codes

(Rev. 440, Issued: 01-21-05, Effective: 07-01-05, Implementation: 07-05-05)

Below is the current diagnoses that should be used when billing for screening pelvic examination services. Effective, July 1, 2005, V72.31 is being added to the CWF edit as an additional low risk diagnosis. The following chart lists the diagnosis codes that CWF must recognize for low risk or high risk patients for screening pelvic examination services.

| Low Risk Diagnosis Codes | Definitions |
|---------------------------------|---|
| V76.2 | Special screening for malignant neoplasm, cervix |
| V76.47 | Special screening for malignant neoplasm, vagina |
| V76.49 | Special screening for malignant neoplasm, other sites NOTE: Providers use this diagnosis for women without a cervix. |
| V72.31 | Routine gynecological examination NOTE: This diagnosis should only be used when the provider performs a full gynecological examination. |
| High Risk Diagnosis Code | |

| Low Risk Diagnosis Codes | Definitions |
|--------------------------|-------------|
| V15.89 | Other |

A. Applicable Diagnoses for Billing a Carrier

There are a number of appropriate diagnosis codes that can be used in billing for screening pelvic examinations that the provider can list on the claim to give a true picture of the patient's condition. Those diagnoses can be listed in Item 21 of Form CMS-1500 or the electronic equivalent (see Chapter 26 for electronic equivalent formats). In addition, one of the following diagnoses shall appear on the claim: the low risk diagnosis of V76.2, V76.47, V76.49 and (effective July 1, 2005, V72.31) or the high risk diagnosis of V15.89 (for high risk patients). One of the above diagnoses must be listed in item 21 to indicate either low risk or high risk depending on the patient's condition. Then either the low risk or high risk diagnosis must also be pointed to in Item 24E of Form CMS-1500 or the electronic equivalent. Providers must make sure that for screening pelvic exams for a high risk beneficiary, that the high risk diagnosis code of V15.89 appears in Item 21 and V15.89 is the appropriate diagnosis code that must be pointed to in Item 24E or electronic equivalent. If pelvic examination claims do not point to one of these specific diagnoses in Item 24E or the electronic equivalent, the claim will reject in the CWF. **Periodically, carriers should do provider education on diagnosis coding of screening pelvic examination claims.**

If these pointers are not present on claims submitted to carriers, CWF will reject the record.

B – Applicable Diagnoses for Billing an FI

Providers report one of the following diagnosis codes in FL 67 of Form CMS-1450 or the electronic equivalent (see Chapter 25 for electronic equivalent format):

Low risk diagnosis codes:

V76.2
V76.47
V76.49
V72.31

High risk diagnosis code

V15.89

Periodically provider education should be done on diagnosis coding of pelvic exam claims.

40.5 - Payment Method

(Rev 440, Issued: 01-21-05, Effective: 07-01-05, Implementation: 07-05-05)

Pelvic examinations are paid under the MPFS, whether billed to the FI or carrier **except**:

- Hospital outpatient services are paid under OPPS;
- See §40.5.B of this chapter for proper billing by RHC/FQHCs for the professional and technical components of a screening pelvic examination. RHCs/FQHCs are paid under the all-inclusive rate for the professional component; or based on the provider's payment method for the technical component;
- CAH payment is under reasonable cost.

NOTE: SNFs are paid under the MPFS and bill the FI. Physicians and other individual practitioners bill the carrier.

40.6 - Revenue Code and HCPCS Codes for Billing

(Rev. 827, Issued: 02-01-06; Effective Date: 07-01-06; Implementation Date: 07-03-06)

A. Billing to the Carrier

Code G0101 (cervical or vaginal cancer screening, pelvic and clinical breast examination) is used.

Effective for services on or after January 1, 1999, a covered evaluation and management (E/M) visit and code G0101 may be reported by the same physician for the same date of service if the E/M visit is for a separately identifiable service. In this case, the modifier “-25” must be reported with the E/M service and the medical records must clearly document the E/M service reported. Both procedure codes should be shown as separate line items on the claim. These services can also be performed separately on separate office visits.

B. Billing to the FI

The applicable bill types for a screening pelvic examination (including breast examination) are 12X, 13X, 22X, 23X, and 85X. The applicable revenue code is 0770. (See §70.1.1.2 for RHCs and FQHCs.) Effective April 1, 2006, type of bill 14X is for non-patient laboratory specimens and is no longer applicable for a screening pelvic examination.

The professional component of a screening pelvic examination furnished within an RHC/FQHC by a physician or nonphysician is considered an RHC/FQHC service. RHCs and FQHCs bill the FI under bill type 71X or 73X for the professional component along with revenue code 052X.

The technical component of a screening pelvic examination is outside the scope of the RHC/FQHC benefit. If the technical component of this service is furnished within an independent RHC or freestanding FQHC, the provider of that technical service bills the carrier on ANSI X12N 837 P or hardcopy Form CMS-1500.

If the technical component of a screening pelvic examination is furnished within a provider-based RHC/FQHC, the provider of that service bills the FI under bill type 12X, 13X, 22X, 23X, or 85X as appropriate using their outpatient provider number (not the RHC/FQHC provider number since these services are not covered as RHC/FQHC services). The appropriate revenue code is 0770. Effective April 1, 2006, type of bill 14X is for non-patient laboratory specimens and is no longer applicable for a screening pelvic examination.

40.7 - MSN Messages

(Rev. 440, Issued: 01-21-05, Effective: 07-01-05, Implementation: 07-05-05)

If there are no high risk factors, and the screening Pap smear and/or screening pelvic examination is being denied because the procedure/examination is performed more frequently than allowed, contractors use MSN 18-17:

- Medicare pays for a screening Pap smear and/or screening pelvic examination only once every (2, 3) years unless high risk factors are present.

40.8 - Remittance Advice Codes

(Rev. 440, Issued: 01-21-05, Effective: 07-01-05, Implementation: 07-05-05)

If high risk factors are not present, and the screening Pap smear and/or screening pelvic examination is being denied because the procedure/examination is performed more frequently than allowed, use existing ANSI X12N 835:

- Claim adjustment reason code 119 - "Benefit maximum for this time period has been reached" at the line level, and

Remark code M83 - "Service is not covered unless the patient is classified as at high risk." At the line item level.

50 - Prostate Cancer Screening Tests and Procedures

(Rev. 1, 10-01-03)

B3-4182, A3-3616

Sections 1861(s)(2)(P) and 1861(oo) of the Act (as added by §4103 of the Balanced Budget Act of 1997), provide for Medicare Part B coverage of certain prostate cancer screening tests subject to certain coverage, frequency, and payment limitations. Effective

for services furnished on or after January 1, 2000, Medicare Part B covers prostate cancer screening tests/procedures for the early detection of prostate cancer. Coverage of prostate cancer screening tests includes the following procedures furnished to an individual for the early detection of prostate cancer:

- Screening digital rectal examination, and
- Screening prostate specific antigen (PSA) blood test.

Each test may be paid at a frequency of once every 12 months for men who have attained age 50 (i.e., starting at least one day after they have attained age 50), if at least 11 months have passed following the month in which the last Medicare-covered screening digital rectal examination was performed (for digital rectal exams) or PSA test was performed (for PSA tests).

50.1 - Definitions

(Rev. 1, 10-01-03)

A3-3616.A.1 and 2

A. Screening Digital Rectal Examination

Screening digital rectal examination means a clinical examination of an individual's prostate for nodules or other abnormalities of the prostate. This screening must be performed by a doctor of medicine or osteopathy (as defined in §1861(r)(1) of the Act), or by a physician assistant, nurse practitioner, clinical nurse specialist, or by a certified nurse mid-wife (as defined in §1861(aa) and §1861(gg) of the Act), who is authorized under State law to perform the examination, fully knowledgeable about the beneficiary, and would be responsible for explaining the results of the examination to the beneficiary.

B. Screening Prostate Specific Antigen (PSA) Tests

Screening prostate specific antigen (PSA) is a test that measures the level of prostate specific antigen in an individual's blood. This screening must be ordered by the beneficiary's physician or by the beneficiary's physician assistant, nurse practitioner, clinical nurse specialist, or certified nurse midwife (the term "physician" is defined in §1861(r)(1) of the Act to mean a doctor of medicine or osteopathy and the terms "physician assistant, nurse practitioner, clinical nurse specialist, or certified nurse midwife" are defined in §1861(aa) and §1861(gg) of the Act) who is fully knowledgeable about the beneficiary, and who would be responsible for explaining the results of the test to the beneficiary.

50.2 - Deductible and Coinsurance

(Rev. 1, 10-01-03)

B3-4182.3

The screening PSA test is a lab test to which neither deductible nor coinsurance apply. Both deductible (if unmet) and coinsurance are applicable to screening rectal examinations.

50.3 - Payment Method - FIs and Carriers

(Rev. 795, Issued: 12-30-05; Effective: 10-01-04; Implementation: 04-03-06)

Screening PSA tests (G0103) are paid under the clinical diagnostic lab fee schedule.

Screening rectal examinations (G0102) are paid under the MPFS except for the following bill types identified (FI only). Bill types not identified are paid under the MPFS.

12X = Outpatient Prospective Payment System

13X = Outpatient Prospective Payment System

14X = Outpatient Prospective Payment System

71X = Included in All Inclusive Rate

73X = Included in All Inclusive Rate

85X = Cost (Payment should be consistent with amounts paid for code 84153 or code 86316.)

Effective 4/1/06 the type of bill 14X is for non-patient laboratory specimens.

The RHCs and FQHCs should include the charges on the claims for future inclusion in encounter rate calculations.

50.3.1 - Correct Coding Requirements for Carrier Claims

(Rev. 1, 10-01-03)

B3-4182.6

Billing and payment for a Digital Rectal Exam (DRE) (G0102) is bundled into the payment for a covered E/M service (CPT codes 99201 - 99456 and 99499) when the two services are furnished to a patient on the same day. If the DRE is the only service or is provided as part of an otherwise noncovered service, HCPCS code G0102 would be payable separately if all other coverage requirements are met.

50.4 - HCPCS, Revenue, and Type of Service Codes

(Rev. 795, Issued: 12-30-05; Effective: 10-01-04; Implementation: 04-03-06)

The appropriate bill types for billing the FI on Form CMS-1450 or its electronic equivalent are 12X, 13X, 14X, 22X, 23X, 71X, 73X, 75X, and 85X. Effective 4/1/06, type of bill 14X is for non-patient laboratory specimens.

The HCPCS code G0102 - for prostate cancer screening digital rectal examination.

- Carrier TOS is 1

- FI revenue code is 0770

The HCPCS code G0103 - for prostate cancer screening PSA tests

- Carrier TOS is 5
- FI revenue code is 030X

50.5 - Diagnosis Coding

(Rev. 1, 10-01-03)

B3-4182.7

Prostate cancer screening digital rectal examinations and screening Prostate Specific Antigen (PSA) blood tests must be billed using screening (“V”) code V76.44 (Special Screening for Malignant Neoplasms, Prostate).

50.6 - Calculating Frequency

(Rev. 1, 10-01-03)

A3-3616.D and E, B3-4182.4, B3-4182.5

Calculating Frequency - To determine the 11-month period, the count starts beginning with the month after the month in which a previous test/procedure was performed.

EXAMPLE: The beneficiary received a screening prostate specific antigen test in January 2002. Start counts beginning February 2002. The beneficiary is eligible to receive another screening prostate specific antigen test in January 2003 (the month after 11 months have passed).

Common Working File (CWF) Edits

Beginning October 1, 2000, the following CWF edits were implemented for dates of service January 1, 2000, and later, for prostate cancer screening tests and procedures for the following:

- Age;
- Frequency;
- Sex; and
- Valid HCPCS code.

50.7 - MSN Messages

(Rev. 1, 10-01-03)

B3-4182.8.B, A3-3616.F

If a claim for screening prostate specific antigen test or a screening digital rectal examination is being denied because of the age of the beneficiary, FIs use MSN message 18.13:

This service is not covered for patients under 50 years of age.

The Spanish version of this MSN message should read:

Este servicio no está cubierto hasta después de que el beneficiario cumpla 50 años.

Carriers use MSN Message 18.19:

This service is not covered until after the patient's 50th birthday.

The Spanish version of this MSN message should read:

Este servicio no está cubierto hasta después de que el beneficiario cumpla 50 años.

If the claim for screening prostate specific antigen test or screening digital rectal examination is being denied because the time period between the same test or procedure has not passed, FIs and carriers use MSN message 18.14:

Service is being denied because it has not been 12 months since your last test/procedure) of this kind.

The Spanish version of this MSN message should read:

Este servicio está siendo denegado ya que no han transcurrido (12, 24, 48) meses desde el último (examen/procedimiento) de esta clase.

50.8 - Remittance Advice Notices **(Rev. 1, 10-01-03)**

B3-4182.8, A3-3616.G

If the claim for a screening prostate antigen test or screening digital rectal examination is being denied because the patient is less than 50 years of age, ANSI X12N 835.

- Claim adjustment reason code 6 “the procedure/revenue code is inconsistent with the patient's age,” at the line level; and
- Remark code M140 “Service is not covered until after the patient's 50th birthday, i.e., no coverage prior to the day after the 50th birthday.”

If the claim for a screening prostate specific antigen test or screening digital rectal examination is being denied because the time period between the test/procedure has not passed, contractors use ANSI X12N 835 claim adjustment reason code 119 “Benefit maximum for this time period has been reached” at the line level.

If the claim for a screening prostate antigen test or screening digital rectal examination is being denied due to the absence of diagnosis code V76.44 on the claim, use ANSI X12N 835 claim adjustment reason code 47, “This (these) diagnosis(es) is (are) not covered, missing, or invalid.”

60 - Colorectal Cancer Screening **(Rev. 52, 12-19-03)**

B3-4180, B3-4180.6, A3-3660.17

See the Medicare Benefit Policy Manual, Chapter 1, for Medicare Part B coverage and effective dates of colorectal rectal screening services.

Effective for services furnished on or after January 1, 1998, payment may be made for colorectal cancer screening for the early detection of cancer. For screening colonoscopy services (one of the types of services included in this benefit) prior to July 2001, coverage was limited to high-risk individuals. For services July 1, 2001, and later screening colonoscopies are covered for individuals not at high risk.

The following services are considered colorectal cancer screening services:

- Fecal-occult blood test, 1-3 simultaneous determinations (guaiac-based);
- Flexible sigmoidoscopy;
- Colonoscopy; and,
- Barium enema

Effective for services on or after January 1, 2004, payment may be made for the following colorectal cancer screening service as an alternative for the guaiac-based fecal-occult blood test, 1-3 simultaneous determinations:

- Fecal-occult blood test, immunoassay, 1-3 simultaneous determinations

60.1 - Payment **(Rev. 1217, Issued: 03-30-07, Effective: 07-01-07, Implementation: 07-02-07)**

Payment (contractor) is under the MPFS except as follows:

- Fecal occult blood tests (82270* (G0107*) and G0328) are paid under the clinical diagnostic lab fee schedule except reasonable cost is paid to all non-OPPS hospitals, including CAHs, but not IHS hospitals billing on TOB 83x. IHS hospitals billing on TOB 83x are paid the ASC payment amount. Other IHS hospitals (billing on TOB 13x) are paid the OMB approved AIR, or the facility specific per visit amount as applicable. Deductible and coinsurance do not apply for these tests. See section A below for payment to Maryland waiver on TOB 13X. Payment from all hospitals for non-patient laboratory specimens on TOB 14X will be based on the clinical diagnostic fee schedule, including CAHs and Maryland waiver hospitals.
- Flexible sigmoidoscopy (code G0104) is paid under OPPS for hospital outpatient departments and on a reasonable cost basis for CAHs; or current payment methodologies for hospitals not subject to OPPS.
- Colonoscopies (G0105 and G0121) and barium enemas (G0106 and G0120) are paid under OPPS for hospital outpatient departments and on a reasonable costs basis for CAHs or current payment methodologies for hospitals not subject to OPPS. Also colonoscopies may be done in an Ambulatory Surgical Center (ASC) and when done in an ASC the ASC rate applies. The ASC rate is the same for diagnostic and screening colonoscopies. The ASC rate is paid to IHS hospitals when the service is billed on TOB 83x.

Prior to January 1, 2007, deductible and coinsurance apply to HCPCS codes G0104, G0105, G0106, G0120, and G0121. Beginning with services provided on or after January 1, 2007, Section 5113 of the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005 waives the requirement of the annual Part B deductible for these screening services. Coinsurance still applies. Coinsurance and deductible applies to the diagnostic colorectal service codes listed below.

The following screening codes must be paid at rates consistent with the diagnostic codes indicated.

| Screening Code | Diagnostic Code |
|-----------------|-----------------|
| G0104 | 45330 |
| G0105 and G0121 | 45378 |
| G0106 and G0120 | 74280 |

A. Special Payment Instructions for TOB 13X Maryland Waiver Hospitals

For hospitals in Maryland under the jurisdiction of the Health Services Cost Review Commission, screening colorectal services HCPCS codes G0104, G0105, G0106, 82270* (G0107*), G0120, G0121 and G0328 are paid according to the terms of the waiver, that is 94% of submitted charges minus any unmet existing deductible, co-insurance and non-

covered charges. Maryland Hospitals bill TOB 13X for outpatient colorectal cancer screenings.

B. Special Payment Instructions for Non-Patient Laboratory Specimen (TOB 14X) for all hospitals

Payment for colorectal cancer screenings (82270* (G0107*) and G0328) to a hospital for a non-patient laboratory specimen (TOB 14X), is the lesser of the actual charge, the fee schedule amount, or the National Limitation Amount (NLA), (including CAHs and Maryland Waiver hospitals). Part B deductible and coinsurance do not apply.

***NOTE:** For claims with dates of service prior to January 1, 2007, physicians, suppliers, and providers report HCPCS code G0107. Effective January 1, 2007, code G0107 is discontinued and replaced with CPT code 82270.

60.1.1 – Deductible and Coinsurance

(Rev. 1325; Issued: 08-29-07; Effective: 01-01-08; Implementation: 01-07-08)

There is no deductible and no coinsurance or copayment for the fecal occult blood tests (G0107 and G0328). Prior to January 1, 2007 deductible and coinsurance apply to other colorectal procedures (G0104, G0105, G0106, G0120, and G0121). After January 1, 2007, the deductible is waived for those tests.

NOTE: A 25 percent coinsurance applies for all colorectal cancer screening colonoscopies (G0105 and G0121) performed in ASCs and non-OPPS hospitals effective for services performed on or after January 1, 2007. The 25 percent coinsurance was implemented in the OPPS PRICER for OPPS hospitals effective for services performed on or after January 1, 1999.

A 25 percent coinsurance also applies for colorectal cancer screening sigmoidoscopies (G0104) performed in non-OPPS hospitals effective for services performed on or after January 1, 2007. Beginning January 1, 2008, colorectal cancer screening sigmoidoscopies (G0104) are payable in ASCs, and a 25 percent coinsurance applies. The 25 percent coinsurance for colorectal cancer screening sigmoidoscopies was implemented in OPPS PRICER for OPPS hospitals effective for services performed on or after January 1, 1999.

60.2 - HCPCS Codes, Frequency Requirements, and Age Requirements (If Applicable)

(Rev. 1062, Issued: 09-22-06, Effective: 01-01-07, Implementation: 01-02-07)

Effective for services furnished on or after January 1, 1998, the following codes are used for colorectal cancer screening services:

- 82270* (G0107*) - Colorectal cancer screening; fecal-occult blood tests, 1-3 simultaneous determinations;

- G0104 - Colorectal cancer screening; flexible sigmoidoscopy;
- G0105 - Colorectal cancer screening; colonoscopy on individual at high risk;
- G0106 - Colorectal cancer screening; barium enema; as an alternative to G0104, screening sigmoidoscopy;
- G0120 - Colorectal cancer screening; barium enema; as an alternative to G0105, screening colonoscopy.

Effective for services furnished on or after July 1, 2001, the following codes are used for colorectal cancer screening services:

- G0121 - Colorectal cancer screening; colonoscopy on individual not meeting criteria for high risk. Note that the description for this code has been revised to remove the term “noncovered.”
- G0122 - Colorectal cancer screening; barium enema (noncovered).

Effective for services furnished on or after January 1, 2004, the following code is used for colorectal cancer screening services as an alternative to 82270* (G0107*):

- G0328 - Colorectal cancer screening; immunoassay, fecal-occult blood test, 1-3 simultaneous determinations

***NOTE:** For claims with dates of service prior to January 1, 2007, physicians, suppliers, and providers report HCPCS code G0107. Effective January 1, 2007, code G0107 is discontinued and replaced with CPT code 82270.

G0104 - Colorectal Cancer Screening; Flexible Sigmoidoscopy

Screening flexible sigmoidoscopies (code G0104) may be paid for beneficiaries who have attained age 50, when performed by a doctor of medicine or osteopathy at the frequencies noted below.

For claims with dates of service on or after January 1, 2002, contractors pay for screening flexible sigmoidoscopies (code G0104) for beneficiaries who have attained age 50 when these services were performed by a doctor of medicine or osteopathy, or by a physician assistant, nurse practitioner, or clinical nurse specialist (as defined in §1861(aa)(5) of the Act and in the Code of Federal Regulations at 42 CFR 410.74, 410.75, and 410.76) at the frequencies noted above. For claims with dates of service prior to January 1, 2002, contractors pay for these services under the conditions noted only when a doctor of medicine or osteopathy performs them.

For services furnished from January 1, 1998, through June 30, 2001, inclusive:

- Once every 48 months (i.e., at least 47 months have passed following the month in which the last covered screening flexible sigmoidoscopy was done).

For services furnished on or after July 1, 2001:

- Once every 48 months as calculated above **unless** the beneficiary does not meet the criteria for high risk of developing colorectal cancer (refer to §60.3 of this chapter) **and** he/she has had a screening colonoscopy (code G0121) within the preceding 10 years. If such a beneficiary has had a screening colonoscopy within the preceding 10 years, then he or she can have covered a screening flexible sigmoidoscopy only after at least 119 months have passed following the month that he/she received the screening colonoscopy (code G0121).

NOTE: If during the course of a screening flexible sigmoidoscopy a lesion or growth is detected which results in a biopsy or removal of the growth; the appropriate diagnostic procedure classified as a flexible sigmoidoscopy with biopsy or removal should be billed and paid rather than code G0104.

G0105 - Colorectal Cancer Screening; Colonoscopy on Individual at High Risk

Screening colonoscopies (code G0105) may be paid when performed by a doctor of medicine or osteopathy at a frequency of once every 24 months for beneficiaries at high risk for developing colorectal cancer (i.e., at least 23 months have passed following the month in which the last covered G0105 screening colonoscopy was performed). Refer to §60.3 of this chapter for the criteria to use in determining whether or not an individual is at high risk for developing colorectal cancer.

NOTE: If during the course of the screening colonoscopy, a lesion or growth is detected which results in a biopsy or removal of the growth, the appropriate diagnostic procedure classified as a colonoscopy with biopsy or removal should be billed and paid rather than code G0105.

A. Colonoscopy Cannot be Completed Because of Extenuating Circumstances

1. FIs

When a covered colonoscopy is attempted but cannot be completed because of extenuating circumstances, Medicare will pay for the interrupted colonoscopy as long as the coverage conditions are met for the incomplete procedure. However, the frequency standards associated with screening colonoscopies will not be applied by CWF. When a covered colonoscopy is next attempted and completed, Medicare will pay for that colonoscopy according to its payment methodology for this procedure as long as coverage conditions are met, and the frequency standards will be applied by CWF. This policy is applied to both screening and diagnostic colonoscopies. When submitting a facility claim for the interrupted colonoscopy, providers are to suffix the colonoscopy

HCPCS codes with a modifier of “-73” or “-74” as appropriate to indicate that the procedure was interrupted. Payment for covered incomplete screening colonoscopies shall be consistent with payment methodologies currently in place for complete screening colonoscopies, including those contained in 42 CFR 419.44(b). In situations where a critical access hospital (CAH) has elected payment Method II for CAH patients, payment shall be consistent with payment methodologies currently in place as outlined in Chapter 3. As such, instruct CAHs that elect Method II payment to use modifier “-53” to identify an incomplete screening colonoscopy (physician professional service(s) billed in revenue code 096X, 097X, and/or 098X). Such CAHs will also bill the technical or facility component of the interrupted colonoscopy in revenue code 075X (or other appropriate revenue code) using the “-73” or “-74” modifier as appropriate.

Note that Medicare would expect the provider to maintain adequate information in the patient’s medical record in case it is needed by the contractor to document the incomplete procedure.

2. Carriers

When a covered colonoscopy is attempted but cannot be completed because of extenuating circumstances (see Chapter 12), Medicare will pay for the interrupted colonoscopy at a rate consistent with that of a flexible sigmoidoscopy as long as coverage conditions are met for the incomplete procedure. When a covered colonoscopy is next attempted and completed, Medicare will pay for that colonoscopy according to its payment methodology for this procedure as long as coverage conditions are met. This policy is applied to both screening and diagnostic colonoscopies. When submitting a claim for the interrupted colonoscopy, professional providers are to suffix the colonoscopy code with a modifier of “-53” to indicate that the procedure was interrupted. When submitting a claim for the facility fee associated with this procedure, Ambulatory Surgical Centers (ASCs) are to suffix the colonoscopy code with “-73” or “-74” as appropriate. Payment for covered screening colonoscopies, including that for the associated ASC facility fee when applicable, shall be consistent with payment for diagnostic colonoscopies, whether the procedure is complete or incomplete.

Note that Medicare would expect the provider to maintain adequate information in the patient’s medical record in case it is needed by the contractor to document the incomplete procedure.

G0106 - Colorectal Cancer Screening; Barium Enema; as an Alternative to G0104, Screening Sigmoidoscopy

Screening barium enema examinations may be paid as an alternative to a screening sigmoidoscopy (code G0104). The same frequency parameters for screening sigmoidoscopies (see those codes above) apply.

In the case of an individual aged 50 or over, payment may be made for a screening barium enema examination (code G0106) performed after at least 47 months have passed

following the month in which the last screening barium enema or screening flexible sigmoidoscopy was performed. For example, the beneficiary received a screening barium enema examination as an alternative to a screening flexible sigmoidoscopy in January 1999. Start counts beginning February 1999. The beneficiary is eligible for another screening barium enema in January 2003.

The screening barium enema must be ordered in writing after a determination that the test is the appropriate screening test. Generally, it is expected that this will be a screening double contrast enema unless the individual is unable to withstand such an exam. This means that in the case of a particular individual, the attending physician must determine that the estimated screening potential for the barium enema is equal to or greater than the screening potential that has been estimated for a screening flexible sigmoidoscopy for the same individual. The screening single contrast barium enema also requires a written order from the beneficiary's attending physician in the same manner as described above for the screening double contrast barium enema examination.

82270* (G0107*) - Colorectal Cancer Screening; Fecal-Occult Blood Test, 1-3 Simultaneous Determinations

Effective for services furnished on or after January 1, 1998, screening FOBT (code 82270* (G0107*)) may be paid for beneficiaries who have attained age 50, and at a frequency of once every 12 months (i.e., at least 11 months have passed following the month in which the last covered screening FOBT was performed). This screening FOBT means a guaiac-based test for peroxidase activity, in which the beneficiary completes it by taking samples from two different sites of three consecutive stools. This screening requires a written order from the beneficiary's attending physician. (The term "attending physician" is defined to mean a doctor of medicine or osteopathy (as defined in §1861(r)(1) of the Act) who is fully knowledgeable about the beneficiary's medical condition, and who would be responsible for using the results of any examination performed in the overall management of the beneficiary's specific medical problem.)

Effective for services furnished on or after January 1, 2004, payment may be made for a immunoassay-based FOBT (G0328, described below) as an alternative to the guaiac-based FOBT, 82270* (G0107*). Medicare will pay for only one covered FOBT per year, either 82270* (G0107*) or G0328, but not both.

***NOTE:** For claims with dates of service prior to January 1, 2007, physicians, suppliers, and providers report HCPCS code G0107. Effective January 1, 2007, code G0107 is discontinued and replaced with CPT code 82270.

G0328 - Colorectal Cancer Screening; Immunoassay, Fecal-Occult Blood Test, 1-3 Simultaneous Determinations

Effective for services furnished on or after January 1, 2004, screening FOBT, (code G0328) may be paid as an alternative to 82270* (G0107*) for beneficiaries who have attained age 50. Medicare will pay for a covered FOBT (either 82270* (G0107*) or

G0328, but not both) at a frequency of once every 12 months (i.e., at least 11 months have passed following the month in which the last covered screening FOBT was performed). Screening FOBT, immunoassay, includes the use of a spatula to collect the appropriate number of samples or the use of a special brush for the collection of samples, as determined by the individual manufacturer's instructions. This screening requires a written order from the beneficiary's attending physician. (The term "attending physician" is defined to mean a doctor of medicine or osteopathy (as defined in §1861(r)(1) of the Act) who is fully knowledgeable about the beneficiary's medical condition, and who would be responsible for using the results of any examination performed in the overall management of the beneficiary's specific medical problem.)

G0120 - Colorectal Cancer Screening; Barium Enema; as an Alternative to or G0105, Screening Colonoscopy

Screening barium enema examinations may be paid as an alternative to a screening colonoscopy (code G0105) examination. The same frequency parameters for screening colonoscopies (see those codes above) apply.

In the case of an individual who is at high risk for colorectal cancer, payment may be made for a screening barium enema examination (code G0120) performed after at least 23 months have passed following the month in which the last screening barium enema or the last screening colonoscopy was performed. For example, a beneficiary at high risk for developing colorectal cancer received a screening barium enema examination (code G0120) as an alternative to a screening colonoscopy (code G0105) in January 2000. Start counts beginning February 2000. The beneficiary is eligible for another screening barium enema examination (code G0120) in January 2002.

The screening barium enema must be ordered in writing after a determination that the test is the appropriate screening test. Generally, it is expected that this will be a screening double contrast enema unless the individual is unable to withstand such an exam. This means that in the case of a particular individual, the attending physician must determine that the estimated screening potential for the barium enema is equal to or greater than the screening potential that has been estimated for a screening colonoscopy, for the same individual. The screening single contrast barium enema also requires a written order from the beneficiary's attending physician in the same manner as described above for the screening double contrast barium enema examination.

G0121 - Colorectal Screening; Colonoscopy on Individual Not Meeting Criteria for High Risk - Applicable On and After July 1, 2001

Effective for services furnished on or after July 1, 2001, screening colonoscopies (code G0121) performed on individuals not meeting the criteria for being at high risk for developing colorectal cancer (refer to §60.3 of this chapter) may be paid under the following conditions:

- At a frequency of once every 10 years (i.e., at least 119 months have passed following the month in which the last covered G0121 screening colonoscopy was performed.)
- If the individual would otherwise qualify to have covered a G0121 screening colonoscopy based on the above **but** has had a covered screening flexible sigmoidoscopy (code G0104), then he or she may have covered a G0121 screening colonoscopy only after at least 47 months have passed following the month in which the last covered G0104 flexible sigmoidoscopy was performed.

NOTE: If during the course of the screening colonoscopy, a lesion or growth is detected which results in a biopsy or removal of the growth, the appropriate diagnostic procedure classified as a colonoscopy with biopsy or removal should be billed and paid rather than code G0121.

G0122 - Colorectal Cancer Screening; Barium Enema

The code is not covered by Medicare.

60.2.1 - Common Working Files (CWF) Edits

(Rev. 1062, Issued: 09-22-06, Effective: 01-01-07, Implementation: 01-02-07)

Effective for dates of service January 1, 1998, and later, CWF will edit all colorectal screening claims for age and frequency standards. The CWF will also edit FI claims for valid procedure codes (G0104, G0105, G0106, 82270* (G0107*), G0120, G0121, G0122, and G0328) and for valid bill types. The CWF currently edits for valid HCPCS codes for carriers. (See §60.6 of this chapter for bill types.)

***NOTE:** For claims with dates of service prior to January 1, 2007, physicians, suppliers, and providers report HCPCS code G0107. Effective January 1, 2007, code G0107 is discontinued and replaced with CPT code 82270.

60.2.2 - Ambulatory Surgical Center (ASC) Facility Fee

(Rev. 1160, Issued: 01-19-07, Effective: 01-01-07, Implementation: 07-02-07)

CPT code 45378, which is used to code a diagnostic colonoscopy, is on the list of procedures approved by Medicare for payment of an ambulatory surgical center facility under §1833(I) of the Act. CPT code 45378 is currently assigned to ASC payment group 2. Code G0105, colorectal cancer screening; colonoscopy on individuals at high risk, was added to the ASC list effective for services furnished on or after January 1, 1998. Code G0121, colorectal cancer screening; colonoscopy on individual not meeting criteria for high risk, was added to the ASC list effective for services furnished on or after July 1, 2001. Codes G0105 and G0121 are assigned to ASC payment group 2. The ASC facility service is the same whether the procedure is a screening or a diagnostic colonoscopy. If during the course of the screening colonoscopy performed at an ASC, a lesion or growth is detected which results in a biopsy or removal of the growth, the appropriate diagnostic

procedure classified as a colonoscopy with biopsy or removal should be billed rather than code G0105. Effective for services performed on or after January 1, 2007, a 25 percent coinsurance payment will apply for the colorectal cancer screening services (G0105 and G0121).

60.3 - Determining High Risk for Developing Colorectal Cancer (Rev. 1, 10-01-03)

B3-4180.3, A3-3660.17, HO-456.B

A. Characteristics of the High Risk Individual

An individual at high risk for developing colorectal cancer has one or more of the following:

- A close relative (sibling, parent, or child) who has had colorectal cancer or an adenomatous polyp;
- A family history of familial adenomatous polyposis;
- A family history of hereditary nonpolyposis colorectal cancer;
- A personal history of adenomatous polyps;
- A personal history of colorectal cancer; or
- Inflammatory bowel disease, including Crohn's Disease, and ulcerative colitis.

B. Partial List of ICD-9-CM Codes Indicating High Risk

Listed below are some examples of diagnoses that meet the high-risk criteria for colorectal cancer. This is not an all-inclusive list. There may be more instances of conditions, which may be coded and could be considered high risk at the medical directors' discretion.

| Personal History | |
|---|---|
| V10.05 | Personal history of malignant neoplasm of large intestine |
| V10.06 | Personal history of malignant neoplasm of rectum, rectosigmoid junction, and anus |
| Chronic Digestive Disease Condition: | |
| 555.0 | Regional enteritis of small intestine |

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|----------------------------|--|
| 555.1 | Regional enteritis of large intestine |
| 555.2 | Regional enteritis of small intestine with large intestine |
| 555.9 | Regional enteritis of unspecified site |
| 556.0 | Ulcerative (chronic) enterocolitis |
| 556.1 | Ulcerative (chronic) ileocolitis |
| 556.2 | Ulcerative (chronic) proctitis |
| 556.3 | Ulcerative (chronic) proctosigmoiditis |
| 556.8 | Other ulcerative colitis |
| 556.9 | Ulcerative colitis, unspecified (non-specific PDX on the MCE) |
| Inflammatory Bowel: | |
| 558.2 | Toxic gastroenteritis and colitis |
| 558.9 | Other and unspecified non-infectious gastroenteritis and colitis |

60.4 - Determining Frequency Standards

(Rev. 1, 10-01-03)

B3-4180.4, A3-3660.17.D, HO-456.D

To determine the 11, 23, 47, and 119 month periods, start counts beginning with the month after the month in which a previous test/procedure was performed.

EXAMPLE: The beneficiary received a fecal-occult blood test in January 2000. Start counts beginning with February 2000. The beneficiary is eligible to receive another blood test in January 2001 (the month after 11 full months have passed).

60.5 - Noncovered Services

(Rev. 1, 10-01-03)

B3-4180.5, A3-3660.17, HO-456.C

The following noncovered HCPCS codes are used to allow claims to be billed and denied for beneficiaries who need a Medicare denial for other insurance purposes for the dates of service indicated:

A. From January 1, 1998 Through June 30, 2001, Inclusive

Code G0121 (colorectal cancer screening; colonoscopy on an individual not meeting criteria for high risk) should be used when this procedure is performed on a beneficiary who does **not** meet the criteria for high risk. This service should be denied as noncovered because it fails to meet the requirements of the benefit for these dates of service. The beneficiary is liable for payment. Note that this code is a covered service for dates of service on or after July 1, 2001.

B. On or After January 1, 1998

Code G0122 (colorectal cancer screening; barium enema) should be used when a screening barium enema is performed **not** as an alternative to either a screening colonoscopy (code G0105) or a screening flexible sigmoidoscopy (code G0104). This service should be denied as noncovered because it fails to meet the requirements of the benefit. The beneficiary is liable for payment.

60.6 - Billing Requirements for Claims Submitted to FIs (Rev. 1953, Issued: 04-28-10, Effective: 10-01-10, Implementation: 10-04-10)

Follow the general bill review instructions in Chapter 25. Hospitals use the ANSI X12N 837I to bill the FI or on the hardcopy Form CMS-1450. Hospitals bill revenue codes and HCPCS codes as follows:

| Screening Test/Procedure | Revenue Code | HCPCS Code | TOB |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------------------|--|
| Fecal Occult blood test | 030X | 82270*** (G0107***), G0328 | 12X, 13X, 14X**, 22X, 23X, 83X, 85X |
| Barium enema | 032X | G0106, G0120, G0122 | 12X, 13X, 22X, 23X, 85X**** |
| Flexible Sigmoidoscopy | * | G0104 | 12X, 13X, 22X, 23X, 83X, 85X**** |
| Colonoscopy-high risk | * | G0105, G0121 | 12X, 13X, 22X, 23X, 83X, 85X**** |

* The appropriate revenue code when reporting any other surgical procedure.

** 14X is only applicable for non-patient laboratory specimens.

*** For claims with dates of service prior to January 1, 2007, physicians, suppliers, and providers report HCPCS code G0107. Effective January 1, 2007, code G0107, is discontinued and replaced with CPT code 82270.

**** CAHs that elect Method II bill revenue code 096X, 097X, and/or 098X for professional services and 075X (or other appropriate revenue code) for the technical or facility component.

Special Billing Instructions for Hospital Inpatients

When these tests/procedures are provided to inpatients of a hospital or when Part A benefits have been exhausted, they are covered under this benefit. However, the provider bills on bill type 12X using the discharge date of the hospital stay to avoid editing in the Common Working File (CWF) as a result of the hospital bundling rules.

60.7 - MSN Messages

(Rev. 1062, Issued: 09-22-06, Effective: 01-01-07, Implementation: 01-02-07)

The following MSN messages are used (See Chapter 21 for the Spanish versions of these messages):

A. If a claim for a screening fecal-occult blood test, a screening flexible sigmoidoscopy, or a barium enema is being denied because of the age of the beneficiary, MSN message 18.13 is used.

This service is not covered for patients under 50 years of age.

B. If the claim for a screening fecal-occult blood test, a screening colonoscopy, a screening flexible sigmoidoscopy, or a barium enema is being denied because the time period between the same test or procedure has not passed, MSN message 18.14 is used:

Service is being denied because it has not been (12, 24, 48, 120) months since your last (test/procedure) of this kind.

C. If the claim is being denied for a screening colonoscopy or a barium enema because the beneficiary is not at a high risk, MSN message 18.15 is used:

Medicare covers this procedure only for patients considered to be at a high risk for colorectal cancer.

D. If the claim is being denied because payment has already been made for a screening fecal-occult blood test (82270* (G0107*) or G0328), flexible sigmoidoscopy (code G0104), screening colonoscopy (code G0105), or a screening barium enema (codes G0106 or G0120), MSN message 18.16 is used:

This service is denied because payment has already been made for a similar procedure within a set timeframe.

NOTE: MSN message 18-16 should only be used when a certain screening procedure is performed as an alternative to another screening procedure. For example: If the claims history indicates a payment has been made for code G0120 and an incoming claim is submitted for code G0105 within 24 months, the incoming claim should be denied.

E. If the claim is being denied for a noncovered screening procedure code such as G0122, the following MSN message 16.10 is used:

Medicare does not pay for this item or service.

If an invalid procedure code is reported, the contractor will return the claim as unprocessable to the provider under current procedures.

***NOTE:** For claims with dates of service prior to January 1, 2007, physicians, suppliers, and providers report HCPCS code G0107. Effective January 1, 2007, code G0107 is discontinued and replaced with CPT code 82270.

60.8 - Remittance Advice Notices (Rev. 1, 10-01-03)

B3-4180.9, A3-3660.17.J, HO-456.J

All messages refer to ANSI X12N 835 coding.

A. If the claim for a screening fecal-occult blood test, a screening flexible sigmoidoscopy, or a screening barium enema is being denied because the patient is less than 50 years of age, use:

- Claim adjustment reason code 6 “the procedure code is inconsistent with the patient’s age,” at the line level; and
- Remark code M82 “Service is not covered when patient is under age 50.” at the line level.

B. If the claim for a screening fecal-occult blood test, a screening colonoscopy, a screening flexible sigmoidoscopy, or a screening barium enema is being denied because the time period between the test/procedure has not passed, use:

- Reason code 119 “Benefit maximum for this time period has been reached” at the line level.

C. If the claim is being denied for a screening colonoscopy (code G0105) or a screening barium enema (G0120) because the patient is not at a high risk, use:

- Claim adjustment reason code 46 “This (these) service(s) is (are) not covered” at the line level; and
- Remark code M83 “Service is not covered unless the patient is classified as a high risk.” at the line level.

D. If the service is being denied because payment has already been made for a similar procedure within the set time frame, use:

- Claim adjustment reason code 18, “Duplicate claim/service” at the line level; and
- Remark code M86 “Service is denied because payment already made for similar procedure within a set timeframe.” at the line level.

E. If the claim is being denied for a noncovered screening procedure such as G0122, use:

- Claim adjustment reason code 49, “These are noncovered services because this is a routine exam or screening procedure done in conjunction with a routine exam.”

F. If the claim is being denied because the code is invalid, use the following at the line level:

Claim adjustment reason code B18 “Payment denied because this procedure code/modifier was invalid on the date of service or claim submission.”

70 - Glaucoma Screening Services (Rev. 1, 10-01-03)

B3-4184

Conditions of Medicare Part B coverage for glaucoma screening are located in the Medicare Benefit Policy Manual, Chapter 15.

70.1 - Claims Submission Requirements and Applicable HCPCS Codes (Rev. 1, 10-01-03)

B3-4184.2, A-01-105 (CR 1783), B-01-46 (CR 1717), A-01-132(CR 1914)

Claims for screening for glaucoma should be submitted on Form CMS-1500 to carriers and Form CMS-1450 to FIs or their electronic equivalents. Claims must be prepared and submitted by physicians and providers to the carrier in accordance with the general instructions in Chapter 26. Claims submitted to FIs must be prepared in accordance with the general bill instructions in Chapter 25.

70.1.1 - HCPCS and Diagnosis Coding (Rev. 1, 10-01-03)

B3-4184.2, A-01-105 (CR 1783), B-01-46 (CR 1717), A-01-132(CR 1914)

The following HCPCS codes should be reported when billing for screening glaucoma services:

G0117 - Glaucoma screening for high-risk patients furnished by an optometrist (physician for carrier) or ophthalmologist.

G0118 - Glaucoma screening for high-risk patients furnished under the direct supervision of an optometrist (physician for carrier) or ophthalmologist.

The carrier claims type of service for the above G codes is: TOS Q.

Glaucoma screening claims should be billed using screening (“V”) code V80.1 (Special Screening for Neurological, Eye, and Ear Diseases, Glaucoma). Claims submitted without a screening diagnosis code may be returned to the provider as unprocessable (refer to Chapter 1 for more information about incomplete or invalid claims).

70.1.1.1 - Additional Coding Applicable to Claims Submitted to FIs (Rev. 371, Issued 11-19-04, Effective: 04-01-05, Implementation: 04-04-05)

A. Type of Bill

The applicable FI claim bill types for screening glaucoma services are 13X, 22X, 23X, 71X, 73X, 75X, and 85X. (See instructions below for rural health clinics (RHCs) and federally qualified health centers (FQHCs).)

B. Revenue Coding

The following revenue codes should be reported when billing for screening glaucoma services: Comprehensive outpatient rehabilitation facilities (CORFs), critical access hospitals (CAHs), and skilled nursing facilities (SNFs) bill for this service under revenue code 0770. CAHs electing the optional method of payment for outpatient services also report this service under revenue codes 096X, 097X, or 098X. Hospital outpatient departments bill for this service under any valid/appropriate revenue code. They are not required to report revenue code 0770. (See instructions below for RHCs and FQHCs.)

70.1.1.2 - Special Billing Instructions for RHCs and FQHCs (Rev. 371, Issued 11-19-04, Effective: 04-01-05, Implementation: 04-04-05)

Screening glaucoma services are considered RHC/FQHC services. For claims with dates of service before April 1, 2005, RHCs and FQHCs bill the FI under bill type 71X or 73X along with revenue code 0770 and HCPCS codes G0117 or G0118 and RHC/FQHC

revenue code 0520 or 0521 to report the related visit. Reporting of revenue code 0770 and HCPCS codes G0117 and G0118 in addition to revenue code 0520 or 0521 is required for this service in order for CWF to perform frequency editing. Payment should not be made for a screening glaucoma service unless the claim also contains a visit code for the service. FIs must edit to assure payment is not made for revenue code 0770. The claim must also contain a visit revenue code (0520 or 0521). Payment is made for the screening glaucoma service under the all-inclusive rate for the line item reporting revenue code 0520 or 0521. No payment is made on the line item reporting revenue code 0770.

Screening glaucoma services furnished within an RHC/FQHC by a physician or nonphysician are considered RHC/FQHC services. For claims with dates of service on or after April 1, 2005, RHCs and FQHCs bill the FI under bill type 71X or 73X for the service. Payment is made under the all-inclusive rate. Additional revenue and HCPCS coding is no longer required for this service when RHCs/FQHCs are billing for the service. Use revenue code 0520 or 0521, as appropriate.

70.1.2 - Edits **(Rev. 1, 10-01-03)**

B3-4184.4, A-01-132 (CR 1914), B3-4184.5

A. Common Working File Edits

Effective January 1, 2002, CWF edits glaucoma screening claims for frequency and valid HCPCS codes for dates of service January 1, 2002, and later.

B. Claims Edits

Nationwide claims processing edits for pre or post payment review of claim(s) for glaucoma screening are not required at this time. Carriers and FIs monitor claims to assure that they are paid only for covered individuals and perform medical review as appropriate. Local medical review policies and edits may be developed for such claims.

70.2 - Payment Methodology **(Rev. 1, 10-01-03)**

B3-4184.7, A-01-132 (CR 1914), A-01-105(CR 1783), B-01-46 (CR 1717)

Carriers pay for glaucoma screening based on the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule. Deductible and coinsurance apply. Claims from physicians or other providers where assignment was not taken are subject to the Medicare limiting charge, which means they cannot charge the beneficiary more than 115 percent of the allowed amount.

FI pay the facility expense as follows:

- Independent and provider-based RHC/free standing and provider-based FQHC receive payment under the all-inclusive rate for the screening glaucoma service based on the visit furnished to the RHC/FQHC patient;
- CAHs receive payment on a reasonable cost basis unless the CAH has elected the optional method of payment for outpatient services in which case, procedures outlined in Chapter 4 should be followed;
- CORFs receive payment under the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule;
- Hospital outpatient departments receive payment under the outpatient prospective payment system (OPPS);
- Hospital inpatient Part B services are paid under OPPS;
- SNF outpatient services are paid under the Medicare physician fee schedule (MPFS); and
- SNF inpatient Part B services are paid under MPFS.

Deductible and coinsurance apply.

70.3 - Determining the 11-Month Period (Rev. 1, 10-01-03)

A-01-132 (CR 1914), B3-4184.3

Once a beneficiary has received a covered glaucoma screening procedure, the beneficiary may receive another procedure after 11 full months have passed. To determine the 11-month period, start counts beginning with the month after the month in which the previous covered screening procedure was performed.

70.4 - Remittance Advice Notices (Rev. 895, Issued: 03-24-06; Effective: 01-01-06; Implementation: 04-03-06)

Appropriate remittance advice(s) must be used by fiscal intermediaries and carriers when denying payment for glaucoma screening. The following messages are used where applicable:

- If the services were furnished before January 1, 2002, use existing ANSI X12N 835 remittance advice claim adjustment reason code 26 “Expenses incurred prior to coverage” at the line level.
- If the claim for glaucoma screening is being denied because the minimum time period has not elapsed since the performance of the same Medicare covered procedure, use

existing ANSI X12N 835 claim adjustment reason code 119 “Benefit maximum for this time period has been reached” at the line level.

- If the service is being denied because the individual is not an African-American age 50 or over, use existing remittance advice claim adjustment reason code 6, “The procedure code is inconsistent with the patient’s age,” and existing remark codes M83, “Service not covered unless the patient is classified as at high risk,” and M82, “Service not covered when patient is under age 50.” Report these codes at the line level.
- If the service is being denied because the individual is not a Hispanic-American age 65 or over, use existing remittance advice claim adjustment reason code 96, “Non-covered charge,” and existing remark codes M83, “Service not covered unless the patient is classified as at high risk,” and N129, "This amount represents the dollar amount not eligible due to patient's age."
- If the service is being denied because the patient does not have diabetes mellitus, or there is no family history of glaucoma, carriers use existing remittance advice claim adjustment reason code B5, “Payment adjusted because coverage/program guidelines were not met or were exceeded.” The zero payment for the service will indicate the denial. In addition, report remark code M83, “Service is not covered unless the patient is classified as at high risk” at the line level.

70.5 - MSN Messages

(Rev. 895, Issued: 03-24-06; Effective: 01-01-06; Implementation: 04-03-06)

The following MSN messages where appropriate must be used.

If a claim for a screening for glaucoma is being denied because the service was performed prior to January 1, 2002, use the MSN message:

MSN Message 16.54:

This service is not covered prior to January 1, 2002.

The Spanish version of the MSN message should read:

Este servicio no está cubierto antes del 1 de enero de 2002.

If a claim for screening for glaucoma is being denied because the minimum time period has not elapsed since the performance of the same Medicare-covered procedure, use MSN message:

MSN Message 18.14:

Service is being denied because it has not been [12/24/48] months since your last [test/procedure] of this kind.

The Spanish version of this MSN message should read:

Este servicio está siendo denegado ya que no han transcurrido [12, 24, 48] meses desde el último[examen/procedimiento] de esta clase.

If a claim for a screening for glaucoma is being denied because the age-related and/or ethnic-related coverage criteria are not met, use:

MSN Message 21.21:

This service was denied because Medicare only covers this service under certain circumstances.

The Spanish version of this MSN message should read:

Este servicio fue denegado porque Medicare solamente lo cubre bajo ciertas circunstancias.

80 – Initial Preventive Physical Examination (IPPE)

(Rev. 2159, Issued: 02-15-11, Effective: 01-01-11, Implementation: 04-04-11)

(NOTE: For billing and payment requirements for the Annual Wellness Visit, see chapter 18, section 140, of this manual.)

Background: Effective for services furnished on or after January 1, 2005, Section 611 of the Medicare Prescription Drug Improvement and Modernization Act of 2003 (MMA) provides for coverage under Part B of one initial preventive physical examination (IPPE) for new beneficiaries only, subject to certain eligibility and other limitations. CMS amended §§411.15 (a)(1) and 411.15 (k)(11) of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) to permit payment for an IPPE as described at 42 CFR §410.16, added by 69 FR 66236, 66420 (November 15, 2004) not later than 6 months after the date the individual's first coverage period begins under Medicare Part B.

Under the MMA of 2003, the IPPE may be performed by a doctor of medicine or osteopathy as defined in section 1861 (r)(1) of the Social Security Act (the Act) or by a qualified mid-level nonphysician practitioner (NPP) (nurse practitioner, physician assistant or clinical nurse specialist), not later than 6 months after the date the individual's first coverage begins under Medicare Part B. (See section 80.3 for a list of bill types of facilities that can bill fiscal intermediaries (FIs) for this service.) This examination will include: (1) review of the individual's medical and social history with attention to modifiable risk factors for disease detection, (2) review of the individual's potential (risk factors) for depression or other mood disorders, (3) review of the individual's functional ability and level of safety; (4) a physical examination to include

measurement of the individual's height, weight, blood pressure, a visual acuity screen, and other factors as deemed appropriate by the examining physician or qualified nonphysician practitioner (NPP), (5) performance and interpretation of an electrocardiogram (EKG); (6) education, counseling, and referral, as deemed appropriate, based on the results of the review and evaluation services described in the previous 5 elements, and (7) education, counseling, and referral including a brief written plan (e.g., a checklist or alternative) provided to the individual for obtaining the appropriate screening and other preventive services, which are separately covered under Medicare Part B benefits. The EKG performed as a component of the IPPE will be billed separately. Medicare will pay for only one IPPE per beneficiary per lifetime. The Common Working File (CWF) will edit for this benefit.

As required by statute under the MMA of 2003, the total IPPE service includes an EKG, but the EKG is billed with its own unique HCPCS code(s). The IPPE does not include other preventive services that are currently separately covered and paid under Section 1861 of the Act under Medicare Part B screening benefits. (That is, pneumococcal, influenza and hepatitis B vaccines and their administration, screening mammography, screening pap smear and screening pelvic examinations, prostate cancer screening tests, colorectal cancer screening tests, diabetes outpatient self-management training services, bone mass measurements, glaucoma screening, medical nutrition therapy for individuals with diabetes or renal disease, cardiovascular screening blood tests, and diabetes screening tests.)

Section 5112 of the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005 allows for one ultrasound screening for Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm (AAA) as a result of a referral from an IPPE effective January 1, 2007. For AAA physician/practitioner billing, correct coding, and payment policy information, refer to section 110 of this chapter.

Effective January 1, 2009, Section 101(b) of the Medicare Improvement for Patients and Providers Act (MIPPA) of 2008 updates the IPPE benefit described under the MMA of 2003. The MIPPA allows the IPPE to be performed not later than 12 months after the date the individual's first coverage period begins under Medicare Part B, requires the addition of the measurement of an individual's body mass index to the IPPE, adds end-of-life planning (upon an individual's consent) to the IPPE, and removes the screening EKG as a mandatory service of the IPPE. The screening EKG is optional effective January 1, 2009, and is permitted as a once-in-a-lifetime screening service as a result of a referral from an IPPE.

The MIPPA of 2008 allows for possible future payment for additional preventive services not otherwise described in Title XVIII of the Act that identify medical conditions or risk factors for eligible individuals if the Secretary determines through the national coverage determination (NCD) process (as defined in section 1869(f)(1)(B) of the Act) that they are: (1) reasonable and necessary for the prevention or early detection of illness or disability, (2) recommended with a grade of A or B by the United States Preventive Services Task Force, and, (3) appropriate for individuals entitled to benefits under Part A or enrolled under Part B, or both. MIPPA requires that there be education, counseling,

and referral for additional preventive services, as appropriate, under the IPPE, if the Secretary determines in the future that such services are covered.

For the physician/practitioner billing correct coding and payment policy, refer to chapter 12, section 30.6.1.1, of this manual.

80.1 – Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) Coding for the IPPE

(Rev. 2159, Issued: 02-15-11, Effective: 01-01-11, Implementation: 04-04-11)

The HCPCS codes listed below were developed for the IPPE benefit effective January 1, 2005, for individuals whose initial enrollment is on or after January 1, 2005.

G0344: Initial preventive physical examination; face-to-face visit, services limited to new beneficiary during the first 6 months of Medicare enrollment

Short Descriptor: Initial Preventive Exam

G0366: Electrocardiogram, routine ECG with 12 leads; performed as a component of the initial preventive examination with interpretation and report

Short Descriptor: EKG for initial prevent exam

G0367: tracing only, without interpretation and report, performed as a component of the initial preventive examination

Short Descriptor: EKG tracing for initial prev

G0368: interpretation and report only, performed as a component of the initial preventive examination

Short Descriptor: EKG interpret & report preve

The following new HCPCS codes were developed for the IPPE benefit effective January 1, 2009, and replaced codes G0344, G0366, G0367, and G0368 shown above beginning with dates of service on or after January 1, 2009:

G0402: Initial preventive physical examination; face-to-face visit, services limited to new beneficiary during the first 12 months of Medicare enrollment

Short Descriptor: Initial Preventive exam

G0403: Electrocardiogram, routine ECG with 12 leads; performed as a screening for the initial preventive physical examination with interpretation and report

Short Descriptor: EKG for initial prevent exam

G0404: Electrocardiogram, routine ECG with 12 leads; tracing only, without interpretation and report, performed as a screening for the initial preventive physical examination

Short Descriptor: EKG tracing for initial prev

G0405: Electrocardiogram, routine ECG with 12 leads; interpretation and report only, performed as a screening for the initial preventive physical examination

Short Descriptor: EKG interpret & report preve

80.2 – A/B Medicare Administrative Contractor (MAC) and Contractor Billing Requirements

(Rev. 2159, Issued: 02-15-11, Effective: 01-01-11, Implementation: 04-04-11)

Effective for dates of service on and after January 1, 2005, through December 31, 2008, contractors shall recognize the HCPCS codes G0344, G0366, G0367, and G0368 shown above in §80.1 for an IPPE. The type of service (TOS) for each of these codes is as follows:

G0344: TOS = 1

G0366: TOS = 5

G0367: TOS = 5

G0368: TOS = 5

Contractors shall pay physicians or qualified nonphysician practitioners for only one IPPE performed not later than 6 months after the date the individual's first coverage begins under Medicare Part B, but only if that coverage period begins on or after January 1, 2005.

Effective for dates of service on and after January 1, 2009, contractors shall recognize the HCPCS codes G0402, G0403, G0404, and G0405 shown above in §80.1 for an IPPE. The TOS for each of these codes is as follows:

G0402: TOS = 1

G0403: TOS = 5

G0404: TOS = 5

G0405: TOS = 5

Under the MIPPA of 2008, contractors shall pay physicians or qualified nonphysician practitioners for only one IPPE performed not later than 12 months after the date the individual's first coverage begins under Medicare Part B only if that coverage period begins on or after January 1, 2009.

Contractors shall allow payment for a medically necessary Evaluation and Management (E/M) service at the same visit as the IPPE when it is clinically appropriate. Physicians and qualified nonphysician practitioners shall use CPT codes 99201-99215 to report an E/M with CPT modifier 25 to indicate that the E/M is a significant, separately identifiable service from the IPPE code reported (G0344 or G0402, whichever applies based on the date the IPPE is performed). Refer to chapter 12, § 30.6.1.1, of this manual for the physician/practitioner billing correct coding and payment policy regarding E/M services.

If the EKG performed as a component of the IPPE is not performed by the primary physician or qualified NPP during the IPPE visit, another physician or entity may perform and/or interpret the EKG. The referring physician or qualified NPP needs to make sure that the performing physician or entity bills the appropriate G code for the screening EKG, and **not** a CPT code in the 93000 series. **Both the IPPE and the EKG should be billed in order for the beneficiary to receive the complete IPPE service.** Effective for dates of service on and after January 1, 2009, the screening EKG is optional and is no longer a mandated service of an IPPE if performed as a result of a referral from an IPPE.

Should the same physician or NPP need to perform an additional medically necessary EKG in the 93000 series on the same day as the IPPE, report the appropriate EKG CPT code(s) with modifier 59, indicating that the EKG is a distinct procedural service.

Physicians or qualified nonphysician practitioners shall bill the contractor the appropriate HCPCS codes for IPPE on the Form CMS-1500 claim or an approved electronic format. The HCPCS codes for an IPPE and screening EKG are paid under the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule (MPFS). The appropriate deductible and coinsurance applies to codes G0344, G0366, G0367, G0368, G0403, G0404, and G0405. The deductible is waived for code G0402 but the coinsurance still applies.

80.3 – A/B MAC and Fiscal Intermediary (FI) Billing Requirements (Rev. 2159, Issued: 02-15-11, Effective: 01-01-11, Implementation: 04-04-11)

Contractors will pay for IPPE or EKG only when the services are submitted on one of the following TOBs: 12X, 13X, 22X, 71X, 73X and 85X.

Type of facility and setting determines the basis of payment:

- For the IPPE or the screening EKG tracing only performed on a 12X and 13X TOB, hospital inpatient Part B and hospital outpatient, for hospitals subject to the outpatient prospective payment system (OPPS), under the OPPS. Hospitals not subject to OPPS shall be paid under current methodologies.
- For services performed on an 85X TOB, Critical Access Hospitals (CAHs), pay on reasonable cost.

- For services performed in a skilled nursing facility, TOB 22x, make payment for the technical component of the EKG based on the MPFS.
- For inpatient or outpatient services in hospitals in Maryland, make payment according to the Health Services Cost Review Commission.
- For services performed on a 12X TOB, Indian Health Services (IHS) hospitals, payment is made based on an all-inclusive ancillary per diem rate.
- For services performed on a 13X TOB, IHS hospitals, payment is made based on the all-inclusive rate (AIR).
- For services performed on an 85X TOB, IHS CAHs, payment is made based on an all-inclusive facility specific per visit rate.

All CAHs are paid for the technical or facility component of the IPPE itself. They are also paid for the technical component of the EKG, the tracing only, if the EKG is performed. Only CAHs paid under the optional method are paid for the professional component of the IPPE itself (in addition to the facility payment) for charges under revenue code 0960. If the EKG is performed, CAHs paid under the optional method may also be paid for the interpretation of the EKG (in addition to the payment for the tracing) when billed under revenue codes 0985 or 0986.

80.3.1 – Rural Health Clinic (RHC)/Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) Special Billing Instructions

(Rev. 2159, Issued: 02-15-11, Effective: 01-01-11, Implementation: 04-04-11)

There are Initial Preventive Physical Examination (IPPE) instructions that are unique to Rural Health Clinics (RHCs) and Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs). Refer to chapter 9, section 150, of this manual for a description of these instructions.

80.3.2 – Indian Health Services (IHS) Hospitals Special Billing Instructions

(Rev. 1615, Issued: 10-17-08, Effective: 01-01-09, Implementation: 01-05-09)

For the period January 1, 2005 through December 31, 2008, the designated FI pays IHS hospitals when G0344 is submitted; this includes the IPPE whether or not the screening EKG is performed at the same time. The designated FI will also pay IHS hospitals for the screening EKG if HCPCS code G0367 is present. For the professional component of the EKG, the designated carrier shall pay the billing physician or other practitioner the established amount.

Effective January 1, 2009 the following new HCPCS codes have been developed for the IPPE benefit and replace the codes in the paragraph above: G0402 for the IPPE itself, and G0404 for the technical component (tracing only) of the EKG.

80.3.3 - Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS) Hospital Billing

(Rev. 2159, Issued: 02-15-11, Effective: 01-01-11, Implementation: 04-04-11)

Hospitals subject to OPPS (TOBs 12X and 13X) must use modifier -25 when billing the IPPE G0344 along with the technical component of the EKG, G0367, on the same claim. The same is true when billing IPPE code G0402 along with the technical component of the screening EKG, code G0404. This is due to an OPPS Outpatient Code Editor (OCE) which contains an edit that requires a modifier -25 on any evaluation and management (E/M) HCPCS code if there is also a status “S” or “T” HCPCS procedure code on the claim.

80.4 – Coinsurance and Deductible

(Rev. 2159, Issued: 02-15-11, Effective: 01-01-11, Implementation: 04-04-11)

The Medicare deductible and coinsurance apply for the IPPE provided before January 1, 2009.

The Medicare deductible is waived effective for the IPPE provided on or after January 1, 2009. Coinsurance continues to apply for the IPPE provided on or after January 1, 2009.

As a result of the Affordable Care Act, effective for the IPPE provided on or after January 1, 2011, the Medicare deductible and coinsurance (for HCPCS code G0402 only) are waived.

80.5 – Medicare Summary Notices (MSNs)

(Rev. 1615, Issued: 10-17-08, Effective: 01-01-09, Implementation: 01-05-09)

When denying additional claims for G0344, G0366, G0367 and G0368, contractors shall use MSN 18.22 - This service was denied because Medicare only covers the one-time initial preventive physical exam with an electrocardiogram within the first 6 months that you have Part B coverage, and only if that coverage begins on or after January 1, 2005.

The Spanish version is: 18.22 - Este servicio fue denegado porque Medicare solamente cubre un examen físico preventivo con un electrocardiograma dentro de los primeros 6 meses que usted tenga cobertura de la Parte B, y sólo si esta cobertura comienza en o después del 1 de enero de 2005.

When denying additional claims for G0402 (or claims with dates of service beyond the 12 month period) contractors shall use MSN 20.91 - This service was denied. Medicare covers a one-time initial preventive physical exam (Welcome to Medicare physical exam) if you get it within the first 12 months of the effective date of your Medicare Part B coverage.

The Spanish version is: Este servicio fue negado. Medicare cubre un examen físico de “Bienvenido a Medicare” ofrecido una sola vez si se obtiene dentro de los primeros 12 meses de la fecha efectiva de su inscripción a la Parte B de Medicare.

When denying additional claims for screening EKG codes G0403, G0404 and G0405, contractors shall use MSN 20.12 - This service was denied because Medicare only covers this service once a lifetime.

The Spanish version is: Este servicio fue negado porque Medicare sólo cubre este servicio una vez en la vida.

80.6 – Remittance Advice Remark Codes

(Rev. 1615, Issued: 10-17-08, Effective: 01-01-09, Implementation: 01-05-09)

Contractors shall use the appropriate claim Remittance Advice Remark code, such as N117 (This service is paid only once in a patient’s lifetime) when denying additional claims for an IPPE and/or a screening EKG.

80.7 – Claims Adjustment Reason Codes

(Rev. 1615, Issued: 10-17-08, Effective: 01-01-09, Implementation: 01-05-09)

Contractors shall use the appropriate Claim Adjustment Reason code, such as 149 (Lifetime benefit maximum has been reached for this service/benefit category) when denying additional claims for an IPPE and/or a screening EKG.

80.8 – Advanced Beneficiary Notice (ABN) as Applied to the IPPE

(Rev. 1615, Issued: 10-17-08, Effective: 01-01-09, Implementation: 01-05-09)

If a second IPPE is billed for the same beneficiary, it would be denied based on Section 1861(s)(2) of the Act, since the IPPE is a one-time benefit, and an ABN would not be required in order to hold the beneficiary liable for the cost of the second IPPE. However, an ABN should be issued for all IPPEs conducted after the beneficiary’s statutory 6-month period has lapsed since based on Section 1862(a)(1)(K), Medicare is statutorily prohibited from paying for an IPPE outside the initial 6-month period under the MMA of 2003. Effective for dates of service on or after January 1, 2009, an ABN should be issued for all IPPEs conducted after the beneficiary’s statutory 12-month period has lapsed since based on Section 1862(a)(1)(K), Medicare is statutorily prohibited from paying for an IPPE outside the initial 12-month period under the MIPPA of 2008.

90 - Diabetes Screening

(Rev. 457, Issued: 01-28-05, Effective: 04-01-05, Implementation: 04-04-05)

90.1 - HCPCS Coding for Diabetes Screening

(Rev. 457, Issued: 01-28-05, Effective: 04-01-05, Implementation: 04-04-05)

The following HCPCS codes are to be billed for diabetes screening:

82947 – Glucose, quantitative, blood (except reagent strip)
82950 – post-glucose dose (includes glucose)
82951 – tolerance test (GTT), three specimens (includes glucose)

90.2 - Carrier Billing Requirements

(Rev. 457, Issued: 01-28-05, Effective: 04-01-05, Implementation: 04-04-05)

Effective for dates of service January 1, 2005 and later, carriers shall recognize the above HCPCS codes for diabetes screening.

Carriers shall pay for diabetes screening once every 12 months for a beneficiary that is not pre-diabetic. Carriers shall pay for diabetes screening at a frequency of once every 6 months for a beneficiary that meets the definition of pre-diabetes.

A claim that is submitted for diabetes screening by a physician or supplier for a beneficiary that does not meet the definition of pre-diabetes shall be submitted in the following manner:

The line item shall contain 82947, 82950 or 82951 with a diagnosis code of V77.1 reported in the header.

90.2.1 - Modifier Requirements for Pre-diabetes

(Rev. 457, Issued: 01-28-05, Effective: 04-01-05, Implementation: 04-04-05)

A claim that is submitted for diabetes screening and the beneficiary meets the definition of pre-diabetes shall be submitted in the following manner:

The line item shall contain 82947, 82950 or 82951 with a diagnosis code of V77.1 reported in the header. In addition, modifier “TS” (follow-up service) – shall be reported on the line item.

90.3 - Fiscal Intermediary (FI) Billing Requirements

(Rev. 457, Issued: 01-28-05, Effective: 04-01-05, Implementation: 04-04-05)

Effective for dates of service January 1, 2005 and later, FIs shall recognize the above HCPCS codes for diabetes screening.

FIs shall pay for diabetes screening once every 12 months for a beneficiary that is not pre-diabetic. FIs shall pay for diabetes screening at a frequency of once every 6 months for a beneficiary that meets the definition of pre-diabetes.

A claim that is submitted for diabetes screening by a physician or supplier for a beneficiary that does not meet the definition of pre-diabetes shall be submitted in the following manner:

The line item shall contain 82947, 82950 or 82951 with a diagnosis code of V77.1.

90.3.1 - Modifier Requirements for Pre-diabetes

(Rev. 457, Issued: 01-28-05, Effective: 04-01-05, Implementation: 04-04-05)

A claim that is submitted for diabetes screening and the beneficiary meets the definition of pre-diabetes shall be submitted in the following manner:

The line item shall contain 82497, 82950 or 82951 with a diagnosis code of V77.1. In addition, modifier “TS” (follow-up service) – shall be reported on the line item.

90.4 - Diagnosis Code Reporting

(Rev. 457, Issued: 01-28-05, Effective: 04-01-05, Implementation: 04-04-05)

A claim that is submitted for diabetes screening shall include the diagnosis code V77.1.

90.5 - Medicare Summary Notices

(Rev. 457, Issued: 01-28-05, Effective: 04-01-05, Implementation: 04-04-05)

When denying claims for diabetes screening based upon a CWF reject for 82947, 82950 or 82951 reported with diagnosis code V77.1, contractors shall use MSN 18.4, “This service is being denied because it has not been 6 months since your last examination of this kind.” (See chapter 30 section 40.3.6.4(c) for additional information on ABN’s.)

90.6 - Remittance Advice Remark Codes

(Rev. 457, Issued: 01-28-05, Effective: 04-01-05, Implementation: 04-04-05)

Contractors shall use the appropriate remittance advice notice that appropriately explains the denial of payment.

90.7 - Claims Adjustment Reason Codes

(Rev. 457, Issued: 01-28-05, Effective: 04-01-05, Implementation: 04-04-05)

Contractors shall use the appropriate claims adjustment reason code such as 119 “Benefit maximum for this time period or occurrence has been reached.”

100 – Cardiovascular Disease Screening

(Rev. 408, Issued: 12-17-04, Effective: 01-01-05, Implementation: 01-03-05)

100.1 – HCPCS Coding for Cardiovascular Disease Screening

(Rev. 408, Issued: 12-17-04, Effective: 01-01-05, Implementation: 01-03-05)

The following HCPCS codes are to be billed for Cardiovascular Disease Screening:

80061 – Lipid Panel

82465 – Cholesterol, serum or whole blood, total
83718 – Lipoprotein, direct measurement, high density cholesterol
84478 – Triglycerides

100.2 – Carrier Billing Requirements

(Rev. 408, Issued: 12-17-04, Effective: 01-01-05, Implementation: 01-03-05)

Effective for dates of service, January 1, 2005, and later, carriers shall recognize the above HCPCS codes for Cardiovascular Disease Screening.

Carriers shall pay for Cardiovascular Disease Screening once every 60 months.

A claim that is submitted for Cardiovascular Disease Screening shall be submitted in the following manner:

The line item shall contain 80061, 82465, 83718 or 84478 with a diagnosis code of V81.0 – Special screening for ischemic heart disease, V81.1 – Special screening for hypertension or V81.2 – Special screening for other and unspecified cardiovascular conditions reported in the header and pointed to the line item.

100.3 – Fiscal Intermediary (FI) Billing Requirements

(Rev. 408, Issued: 12-17-04, Effective: 01-01-05, Implementation: 01-03-05)

Effective for dates of service, January 1, 2005, and later, intermediaries shall recognize the above HCPCS codes for Cardiovascular Disease Screening.

FIs shall pay for Cardiovascular Disease Screening once every 60 months.

A claim that is submitted for Cardiovascular Disease Screening shall be submitted in the following manner:

The line item shall contain 80061, 82465, 83718 or 84478 with a diagnosis code of V81.0 – Special screening for ischemic heart disease, V81.1 – Special screening for hypertension or V81.2 – Special screening for other and unspecified cardiovascular conditions reported in the header and pointed to the line item.

100.4 – Diagnosis Code Reporting

(Rev. 408, Issued: 12-17-04, Effective: 01-01-05, Implementation: 01-03-05)

A claim that is submitted for Cardiovascular Disease Screening shall be submitted with one or more of the following diagnosis codes in the header and pointed to the line item:

V81.0 – Special screening for ischemic heart disease,
V81.1 – Special screening for hypertension, or
V81.2 – Special screening for other and unspecified cardiovascular conditions

100.5 – Medicare Summary Notice

(Rev. 408, Issued: 12-17-04, Effective: 01-01-05, Implementation: 01-03-05)

When denying claims for cardiovascular screening based upon a CWF reject for 80061, 82465, 83718, or 84478 billed with one or more the following diagnosis codes V81.0, V81.1 and V81.2, contractors shall use MSN 16.54 Medicare does not pay for this many services or supplies.

100.6 – Remittance Advice Remark Codes

(Rev. 408, Issued: 12-17-04, Effective: 01-01-05, Implementation: 01-03-05)

Contractors shall use the appropriate remittance advice notice that appropriately explains the denial of payment.

100.7 – Claim Adjustment Reason Code

(Rev. 408, Issued: 12-17-04, Effective: 01-01-05, Implementation: 01-03-05)

Contractors shall use claims adjustment reason code 119 “Benefit maximum for this time period has been reached.”

110 - Ultrasound Screening for Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm (AAA)

(Rev. 1113, Issued: 11-17-06, Effective: 01-01-07, Implementation: 01-02-07)

Section 5112 of the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005 amended the Social Security Act to provide coverage under Part B of the Medicare program for a one-time ultrasound screening for abdominal aortic aneurysms (AAA).

110.1 – Definitions

(Rev. 1113, Issued: 11-17-06, Effective: 01-01-07, Implementation: 01-02-07)

The term ‘ultrasound screening for abdominal aortic aneurysm’ means—

(1) a procedure using sound waves (or such other procedures using alternative technologies, of commensurate accuracy and cost, as specified by the Secretary of Health and Human Services, through the national coverage determination process) provided for the early detection of abdominal aortic aneurysms; and

(2) includes a physician's interpretation of the results of the procedure.

110.2 – Coverage

(Rev. 1113, Issued: 11-17-06, Effective: 01-01-07, Implementation: 01-02-07)

Effective for services furnished on or after January 1, 2007, payment may be made for a one-time ultrasound screening for AAA for beneficiaries who meet the following criteria:

- (i) receives a referral for such an ultrasound screening as a result of an initial preventive physical examination (as defined in section 1861(w)(1));
- (ii) receives such ultrasound screening from a provider or supplier who is authorized to provide covered diagnostic services;
- (iii) has not been previously furnished such an ultrasound screening under the Medicare Program; and
- (vi) is included in at least one of the following risk categories--
 - (I) has a family history of abdominal aortic aneurysm; or
 - (II) is a man age 65 to 75 who has smoked at least 100 cigarettes in his lifetime
 - (III) is a beneficiary who manifests other risk factors in a beneficiary category recommended for screening by the United States Preventive Services Task Force regarding AAA, as specified by the Secretary of Health and Human Services, through the national coverage determination process.

110.3 – Payment

(Rev. 1113, Issued: 11-17-06, Effective: 01-01-07, Implementation: 01-02-07)

If the screening is provided in a physician office, the service is billed to the carrier using the HCPCS code identified in section 110.3.2 below. Payment is under the Medicare Physicians Fee Schedule (MPFS).

Fiscal Intermediaries (FIs) shall pay for the AAA screening only when the services are performed in a hospital, including a critical access hospital (CAH), Indian Health Service (IHS) Facility, Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF), Rural Health Clinic (RHC), or Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) and submitted on one of the following types of bills (TOBs): 12X, 13X, 22X, 23X, 71X, 73X, 85X.

The following describes the payment methodology for AAA Screening:

| Facility | Type of Bill | Payment |
|---------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|
| Hospitals subject to OPPS | 12X, 13X | OPPS |
| Method I and Method II | 12X and 85X | 101% of reasonable cost |

Critical Access Hospitals (CAHs)

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| IHS providers | 13X, revenue code 051X | OMB-approved outpatient per visit all inclusive rate (AIR) |
| IHS providers | 12X, revenue code 024X | All-inclusive inpatient ancillary per diem rate |
| IHS CAHs | 85X, revenue code 051X | 101% of the all-inclusive facility specific per visit rate |
| IHS CAHs | 12X, revenue code 024X | 101% of the all-inclusive facility specific per diem rate |
| SNFs ** | 22X, 23X | Non-facility rate on the MPFS |
| RHCs* | 71X, revenue code 052X | All-inclusive encounter rate |
| FQHCs* | 73X, revenue code 052X | All-inclusive encounter rate |
| Maryland Hospitals under jurisdiction of the Health Services Cost Review Commission (HSCRC) | 12X, 13X | 94% of provider submitted charges or according to the terms of the Maryland Waiver |

* If the screening is provided in an RHC or FQHC, the professional portion of the service is billed to the FI using TOBs 71X and 73X, respectively, and the appropriate site of service revenue code in the 052X revenue code series.

If the screening is provided in an independent RHC or freestanding FQHC, the technical component of the service can be billed by the practitioner to the carrier under the practitioner's ID following instructions for submitting practitioner claims to the Medicare carrier.

If the screening is provided in a provider-based RHC/FQHC, the technical component of the service can be billed by the base provider to the FI under the base provider's ID, following instructions for submitting claims to the FI from the base provider.

** The SNF consolidated billing provision allows separate part B payment for screening services for beneficiaries that are in skilled Part A SNF stays, however, the SNF must submit these services on a 22X bill type. Screening services provided by other provider types must be reimbursed by the SNF.

110.3.1 - Deductible and Coinsurance

(Rev. 1113, Issued: 11-17-06, Effective: 01-01-07, Implementation: 01-02-07)

The Part B deductible for screening AAA is waived effective January 1, 2007. Coinsurance is applicable.

110.3.2 - HCPCS Code

(Rev. 1113, Issued: 11-17-06, Effective: 01-01-07, Implementation: 01-02-07)

Effective for services furnished on or after January 1, 2007, the following code, modifiers, and type of service (TOS) are used for AAA screening services:

G0389: Ultrasound, B-scan and or real time with image documentation; for abdominal aortic aneurysm (AAA) screening

Short Descriptor: Ultrasound exam AAA screen

Modifiers: TC, 26

TOS: 4

110.3.3 - Advance Beneficiary Notice

(Rev. 1113, Issued: 11-17-06, Effective: 01-01-07, Implementation: 01-02-07)

Medicare contractors will deny an AAA screening service billed more than once in a beneficiary's lifetime.

If a second G0389 is billed for AAA for the same beneficiary or if any of the other statutory criteria for coverage listed in section 1861(s)(2)(AA) of the Social Security Act are not met, the service would be denied as a statutory (technical) denial under section 1861(s)(2)(AA), not a medical necessity denial.

If a provider cannot determine whether or not the beneficiary has previously had an AAA screening, but all of the other statutory requirements for coverage have been met, the provider should issue the ABN-G. Likewise, if all of the statutory requirements for coverage have been met, but a question of medical necessity still exists, the provider should issue the ABN-G.

110.3.4 - RHCs/FQHCs Special Billing Instructions

(Rev. 1719, Issued: 04-24-09, Effective: 10-01-09, Implementation: 10-05-09)

Detailed billing instructions for ultrasound screening for Abdominal Aortic Aneurism (AAA) screenings provided in RHCs and FQHCs can be found in Chapter 9, section 160 of this manual.

120 - Diabetes Self-Management Training (DSMT) Services

(Rev. 1255, Issued: 05-25-07; Effective: 07-01-07; Implementation: 07-02-07)

See Pub. 100-02, Medicare Benefit Policy Manual, Chapter 15, Covered Medical and Other Health Services, section 300 for information on coverage requirements, certified providers and enrollment.

120.1 - Coding and Payment of DSMT Services

(Rev. 1255, Issued: 05-25-07; Effective: 07-01-07; Implementation: 07-02-07)

The following HCPCS codes are used to report DSMT:

- G0108 - Diabetes outpatient self-management training services, individual, per 30 minutes.
- G0109 - Diabetes outpatient self-management training services, group session (2 or more), per 30 minutes.

The type of service for these codes is 1.

Payment to physicians and providers for outpatient DSMT is made as follows:

| Type of Facility | Payment Method | Type of Bill |
|--|--|---------------------|
| Physician (billed to the carrier) | MPFS | NA |
| Hospitals subject to OPFS | MPFS | 12X, 13X |
| Method I and Method II Critical Access Hospitals (CAHs) (technical services) | 101% of reasonable cost | 12X and 85X |
| Indian Health Service (IHS) providers billing hospital outpatient Part B | OMB-approved outpatient per visit all inclusive rate (AIR) | 13X |
| IHS providers billing inpatient Part B | All-inclusive inpatient ancillary per diem rate | 12X |
| IHS CAHs billing outpatient Part B | 101% of the all-inclusive facility specific per visit rate | 85X |
| IHS CAHs billing inpatient Part B | 101% of the all-inclusive facility specific per diem rate | 12X |
| FQHCs* | All-inclusive encounter rate with other qualified services. Separate visit | 73X |

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| | payment available with HCPCS. | |
| Skilled Nursing Facilities ** | MPFS non-facility rate | 22X, 23X |
| Maryland Hospitals under jurisdiction of the Health Services Cost Review Commission (HSCRC) | 94% of provider submitted charges in accordance with the terms of the Maryland Waiver | 12X, 13X |
| Home Health Agencies (can be billed only if the service is provided outside of the treatment plan) | MPFS non-facility rate | 34X |

* Effective January 1, 2006, payment for DSMT provided in an FQHC that meets all of the requirements as above, may be made in addition to one other visit the beneficiary had during the same day, if this qualifying visit is billed on TOB 73X, with HCPCS G0108 or G0109, and revenue codes 0520, 0521, 0522, 0524, 0525, 0527, 0528, or 0900.

** The SNF consolidated billing provision allows separate part B payment for training services for beneficiaries that are in skilled Part A SNF stays, however, the SNF must submit these services on a 22 bill type. Training services provided by other provider types must be reimbursed by X the SNF.

NOTE: An ESRD facility is a reasonable site for this service, however, because it is required to provide dietician and nutritional services as part of the care covered in the composite rate, ESRD facilities are not allowed to bill for it separately and do not receive separate reimbursement. Likewise, an RHC is a reasonable site for this service, however it must be provided in an RHC with other qualifying services and paid at the all-inclusive encounter rate.

Deductible and co-insurance apply.

120.2 - Bill Processing Requirements (Rev. 1255, Issued: 05-25-07; Effective: 07-01-07; Implementation: 07-02-07)

See Pub. 100-04, chapter 25 for instructions for intermediaries.

See Pub. 100-04, chapter 26 for instructions for carriers.

Billing is to the "certified provider's" regular intermediary or carrier, i.e., there are no specialty contractors for this service. (See Pub 100-02, chapter 15, section 300.2 for the definition of "certified provider" in this instance.)

120.2.1 - Special Processing Instructions for Billing Frequency Requirements

(Rev. 1255, Issued: 05-25-07; Effective: 07-01-07; Implementation: 07-02-07)

The frequency editing for DSMT is performed in CWF as follows:

A - Initial Training

The initial year for DSMT is the '12' month period following the initial date. When a claim contains a DSMT HCPCS code and the associated units cause the total time for the DSMT initial year to exceed '10' hours, a CWF error will set.

See Pub. 100-02, Medicare Benefit Policy Manual, Chapter 15, Covered Medical and Other Health Services, section 300 for information on coverage for initial training.

B - Follow-Up Training

Follow-up training for subsequent years are based on a 12 month calendar year after the initial year. However, if the beneficiary exhausts 10 hours in the initial year then the beneficiary would be eligible for follow-up training in the next calendar year. When a claim contains a DSMT HCPCS code and the associated units cause the total time for any follow-up year to exceed 2 hours, a CWF error will set.

See Pub. 100-02, Medicare Benefit Policy Manual, Chapter 15, Covered Medical and Other Health Services, section 300 for information on coverage for follow-up training.

C - Examples

Example # 1 -- Beneficiary Exhausts 10 hours in the Initial Year (12 continuous months)

Bene receives first service: April, 2006

Bene completes initial 10 hours DSMT training: April, 2007

Bene is eligible for follow-up training: May 2007 (13th month begins the subsequent year)

Bene completes follow-up training: December, 2007

Bene is eligible for next year follow-up training: January, 2008

Example # 2 Beneficiary Exhausts 10 hours Within the Initial Calendar Year

Bene receives first service: April 2006

Bene completes initial 10 hours of DSMT training, December 2006

Bene is eligible for follow-up training: January, 2007

Bene completes follow-up training: July 2007

Bene is eligible for next year follow-up training: January 2008

120.2.2 - Advance Beneficiary Notice (ABN) Requirements

(Rev. 1255, Issued: 05-25-07; Effective: 07-01-07; Implementation: 07-02-07)

The beneficiary is liable for services denied over the limited number of hours with referrals for DSMT. An ABN should be issued in these situations. In absence of evidence of a valid ABN, the provider will be held liable.

An ABN should not be issued for Medicare-covered services such as those provided by hospital dietitians or nutrition professionals who are qualified to render the service in their State but who have not obtained Medicare Provider Numbers.

120.2.3 - RHCs/FQHCs Special Billing Instructions

(Rev.1719, Issued: 04-24-09, Effective: 10-01-09, Implementation: 10-05-09)

Detailed billing instructions for Diabetes Self Management Training (DSMT) services provided in RHCs and FQHCs can be found in Chapter 9, section 181 of this manual.

120.3 - Duplicate Edits

(Rev. 1846; Issued: 11-06-09; Effective Date: 04-01-10; Implementation Date: 04-05-10)

There are CWF edits applicable to DSMT. Refer to chapter 4, section 300.6 of this manual for a description of these instructions.

130 – Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) Screening Tests

(Rev. 2199, Issued: 04-22-11, Effective: 12-08-09, Implementation: 07-06-10)

130.1 - Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) for HIV Screening Tests

(Rev. 2199, Issued: 04-22-11, Effective: 12-08-09, Implementation: 07-06-10)

Effective for claims with dates of service on and after December 8, 2009, implemented with the April 5, 2010, IOCE, the following HCPCS codes are to be billed for HIV screening:

- G0432- Infectious agent antibody detection by enzyme immunoassay (EIA) technique, HIV-1 and/or HIV-2, screening,
- G0433 - Infectious agent antibody detection by enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay (ELISA) technique, HIV-1 and/or HIV-2, screening, and,
- G0435 - Infectious agent antibody detection by rapid antibody test, HIV-1 and/or HIV-2, screening.

130.2 - Billing Requirements

(Rev. 2199, Issued: 04-22-11, Effective: 12-08-09, Implementation: 07-06-10)

Effective for dates of service December 8, 2009, and later, contractors shall recognize the above HCPCS codes for HIV screening.

Medicare contractors shall pay for voluntary HIV screening as follows in accordance with Pub. 100-03, Medicare National Coverage Determinations Manual, sections 190.14 and 210.7:

- A maximum of once annually for beneficiaries at increased risk for HIV infection (11 full months must elapse following the month the previous test was performed in order for the subsequent test to be covered), and,
- A maximum of three times per term of pregnancy for pregnant Medicare beneficiaries beginning with the date of the first test when ordered by the woman's clinician.

Claims that are submitted for HIV screening shall be submitted in the following manner:

For beneficiaries reporting increased risk factors, claims shall contain HCPCS code G0432, G0433, or G0435 with diagnosis code V73.89 (Special screening for other specified viral disease) as primary, and V69.8 (Other problems related to lifestyle), as secondary.

For beneficiaries not reporting increased risk factors, claims shall contain HCPCS code G0432, G0433, or G0435 with diagnosis code V73.89 only.

For pregnant Medicare beneficiaries, claims shall contain HCPCS code G0432, G0433, or G0435 with diagnosis code V73.89 as primary, and one of the following ICD-9 diagnosis codes: V22.0 (Supervision of normal first pregnancy), V22.1 (Supervision of other normal pregnancy), or V23.9 (Supervision of unspecified high-risk pregnancy), as secondary.

130.3 - Payment Method

(Rev. 2199, Issued: 04-22-11, Effective: 12-08-09, Implementation: 07-06-10)

Payment for HIV screening is under the Medicare Clinical Laboratory Fee Schedule for TOBs 12X, 13X, 14X, 22X, and 23X beginning January 1, 2011. For TOB 85X payment is based on reasonable cost. Deductible and coinsurance do not apply. Between December 8, 2009, and April 4, 2010, these services can be billed with unlisted procedure code 87999. Between April 5, 2010, and January 1, 2011, the G codes will be contractor priced.

130.4 - Types of Bill (TOBs) and Revenue Codes

(Rev. 2199, Issued: 04-22-11, Effective: 12-08-09, Implementation: 07-06-10)

The applicable bill types for HIV screening are: 12X, 13X, 14X, 22X, 23X, and 85X.
(Effective April 1, 2006, TOB 14X is for non-patient laboratory specimens.)

Use revenue code 030X (laboratory, clinical diagnostic).

130.5 - Diagnosis Code Reporting

(Rev. 2199, Issued: 04-22-11, Effective: 12-08-09, Implementation: 07-06-10)

A claim that is submitted for HIV screening shall be submitted with one or more of the following diagnosis codes in the header and pointed to the line item:

- a. For claims where increased risk factors are reported: V73.89 as primary and V69.8 as secondary.
- b. For claims where increased risk factors are NOT reported: V73.89 as primary only.
- c. For claims for pregnant Medicare beneficiaries, the following diagnosis codes shall be submitted in addition to V73.89 to allow for more frequent screening than once per 12-month period:

V22.0 – Supervision of normal first pregnancy, or,
V22.1 – Supervision of other normal pregnancy, or,
V23.9 - Supervision of unspecified high-risk pregnancy).

130.6 - Medicare Summary Notice (MSN) and Claim Adjustment Reason Codes (CARCs)

(Rev. 2199, Issued: 04-22-11, Effective: 12-08-09, Implementation: 07-06-10)

- a. When denying claims for HIV screening submitted without ICD-9 diagnosis codes V73.89, or V73.89 and V69.8, use the following messages:

MSN 16.10 - Medicare does not pay for this item or service.

“Medicare no paga por este artículo o servicio”

CARC 167- This (these) diagnosis(es) is (are) not covered.

Group Code CO (Contractual Obligation)

- b. When denying claims for HIV screening, use the following denial messages:

MSN 15.22 – The information provided does not support the need for this many services or items in this period of time so Medicare will not pay for this item or service.

o servicio.”

CARC 119 – Benefit maximum for this time period or occurrence has been reached.

Group Code CO (Contractual obligation).

140 – Annual Wellness Visit (AWV)

(Rev. 2159, Issued: 02-15-11, Effective: 01-01-11, Implementation: 04-04-11)

Pursuant to section 4103 of the Affordable Care Act of 2010, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) amended section 411.15(a)(1) and 411.15(k)(15) of 42 CFR (list of examples of routine physical examinations excluded from coverage) effective for services furnished on or after January 1, 2011. This expanded coverage is subject to certain eligibility and other limitations that allow payment for an annual wellness visit (AWV), including personalized prevention plan services (PPPS), for an individual who is no longer within 12 months after the effective date of his or her first Medicare Part B coverage period, and has not received either an initial preventive physical examination (IPPE) or an AWV within the past 12 months.

The AWV will include the establishment of, or update to, the individual’s medical/family history, measurement of his/her height, weight, body-mass index (BMI) or waist circumference, and blood pressure (BP), with the goal of health promotion and disease detection and encouraging patients to obtain the screening and preventive services that may already be covered and paid for under Medicare Part B. CMS amended 42 CFR §§411.15(a)(1) and 411.15(k)(15) to allow payment on or after January 1, 2011, for an AWV (as established at 42 CFR 410.15) when performed by qualified health professionals.

Coverage is available for an AWV that meets the following requirements:

1. It is performed by a health professional;
2. It is furnished to an eligible beneficiary who is no longer within 12 months after the effective date of his/her first Medicare Part B coverage period, and he/she has not received either an IPPE or an AWV providing PPPS within the past 12 months.

See Pub. 100-02, Medicare Benefit Policy Manual, chapter 15, section 280.5, for detailed policy regarding the AWV, including definitions of: (1) detection of cognitive impairment, (2) eligible beneficiary, (3) establishment of, or an update to, an individual’s medical/family history, (4&5) first and subsequent AWVs providing PPPS, (6) health professional, and, (7) review of an individual’s functional ability/level of safety.

140.1 – Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) Coding for the AWW

(Rev. 2159, Issued: 02-15-11, Effective: 01-01-11, Implementation: 04-04-11)

The HCPCS codes listed below were developed for the AWW benefit effective January 1, 2011, for individuals whose initial enrollment is on or after January 1, 2011.

G0438 - Annual wellness visit; includes a personalized prevention plan of service (PPPS); first visit

G0439 – Annual wellness visit; includes a personalized prevention plan of service (PPPS); subsequent visit

140.2 – A/B Medicare Administrative Contractor (MAC) and Carrier Billing Requirements

(Rev. 2159, Issued: 02-15-11, Effective: 01-01-11, Implementation: 04-04-11)

Effective for dates of service on and after January 1, 2011, contractors shall recognize HCPCS codes G0438 and G0439 shown above in section 140.1 for billing AWWs. The type of service (TOS) for each of the new codes is 1. AWW services are paid under the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule (MPFS).

For further instructions regarding practitioner reporting of HCPCS codes G0438 and G0439 under different clinical scenarios, see chapter 12, sections 30.6.1.1 and 100.1.1 of this manual.

140.3 – A/B MAC and Fiscal Intermediary (FI) Billing Requirements

(Rev. 2159, Issued: 02-15-11, Effective: 01-01-11, Implementation: 04-04-11)

The FI will pay for AWW services only when submitted on one of the following types of bill (TOBs): 12X, 13X, 22X, 23X, 71X, 77X, and 85X. Type of facility and setting determines the basis of payment:

- For services performed on a 12X TOB and 13X TOB, hospital inpatient Part B and hospital outpatient, payment shall be made under the MPFS.
- For services performed in a skilled nursing facility, TOB 22X and TOB 23X, make payment based on the MPFS.
- For services performed on a 71X TOB, rural health clinic (RHC) or 77X TOB, Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC), payment is made based on an all-inclusive rate and the AWW does not qualify for separate payment with another encounter.

- For services performed on an 85X TOB, Critical Access Hospital (CAH), pay based on reasonable cost.
- For services performed on an 85X TOB, CAH Method II, payment is based on the MPFS.
- For inpatient or outpatient services in hospitals in Maryland, make payment according to the Health Services Cost Review Commission.

Only CAHs paid under the optional method are paid for professional services for the AWW (in addition to the facility payment) when those charges are reported under revenue codes 096X, 097X, or 098X.

140.4 – Rural Health Clinic (RHC)/Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) Special Billing Instructions

(Rev. 2159, Issued: 02-15-11, Effective: 01-01-11, Implementation: 04-04-11)

Beginning with dates of service on or after January 1, 2011, if an AWW is provided in an RHC or FQHC, the professional portion of the service is billed to the FI or Part A MAC using TOBs 71X and 77X, respectively, and must include HCPCS code G0438 or G0439. Deductible and coinsurance do not apply.

140.5 – Coinsurance and Deductible

(Rev. 2159, Issued: 02-15-11, Effective: 01-01-11, Implementation: 04-04-11)

Sections 4103 and 4104 of the Affordable Care Act provide for a waiver of Medicare coinsurance/copayment and Part B deductible requirements for the AWW effective for services furnished on or after January 1, 2011.

140.6 – Common Working File (CWF) Edits

(Rev. 2159, Issued: 02-15-11, Effective: 01-01-11, Implementation: 04-04-11)

Effective for claims with dates of service on and after January 1, 2011, CWF shall reject:

- AWW claims for HCPCS G0438 (first AWW) when a first AWW, HCPCS G0438, is paid in history, regardless of when it occurred. HCPCS G0438 is a once-in-a-lifetime benefit.
- AWW claims for HCPCS G0439 (subsequent AWW) when a previous AWW, HCPCS G0438 or G0439, is paid in history within the previous 12 months.
- AWW claims for HCPCS G0438 or G0439 when a previous IPPE, HCPCS code G0402, is paid in history within the previous 12 months.

- AWW claims for HCPCS G0438 or G0439 billed for a date of service within 12 months after the effective date of a beneficiary's first Medicare Part B coverage period.

140.7 – Medicare Summary Notices (MSNs), Remittance Advice Remark Codes (RARC), Claims Adjustment Reason Codes (CARCs), and Advance Beneficiary Notices (ABNs)
(Rev. 2159, Issued: 02-15-11, Effective: 01-01-11, Implementation: 04-04-11)

Messages for Carriers, FIs, and A/B MACs:

When paying claims for an AWW, contractors shall use the following Medicare Summary Notices (MSNs):

MSN: 18.25: "Your Annual Wellness Visit has been approved. You will qualify for another Annual Wellness Visit 12 months after the date of this visit."

Spanish Version "Su Visita Anual de Bienestar ha sido aprobada. Usted tendrá derecho a otra Visita Anual de Bienestar 12 meses después de la fecha de esta visita."

When denying claims for a first AWW, HCPCS G0438, when a first AWW, HCPCS G0438, is already paid in history, contractors shall use the following messages:

MSN 20.12: "This service was denied because Medicare only covers this service once a lifetime."

Spanish Version: "Este servicio fue negado porque Medicare sólo cubre este servicio una vez en la vida."

CARC 149: "Lifetime benefit maximum has been reached for this service/benefit category."

RARC N117: "This service is paid only once in a patient's lifetime."

Group Code – PR

When denying claims for a subsequent AWW, HCPCS G0439, because a previous AWW, HCPCS G0438 or G0439, is paid in history within the past 12 months, contractors shall use the following messages:

MSN 18.26: "This service was denied because it occurred too soon after your last covered Annual Wellness Visit. Medicare only covers one Annual Wellness Visit within a 12 month period."

Spanish Version: “Este servicio fue negado porque ocurrió antes del período de 12 meses de su última Visita Anual de Bienestar. Medicare sólo paga por una Visita Anual de Bienestar dentro de un período de 12 meses.”

CARC 119: “Benefit maximum for this time period or occurrence has been reached.”

RARC N130 “Consult plan benefit documents/guidelines for information about restrictions for this service.”

Group Code – PR

When denying claims for an AWW, HCPCS G0438 or G0439, because an IPPE, HCPCS G0402, is paid in history with the past 12 months, contractors shall use the following messages:

(New) MSN 18.27: “This service was denied because it occurred too soon after your Initial Preventive Physical Exam.”

Spanish Version: “Este servicio fue negado porque ocurrió demasiado pronto después de su examen físico preventivo inicial.”

CARC 119: “Benefit maximum for this time period or occurrence has been reached.”

RARC N130: “Consult plan benefit documents/guidelines for information about restrictions for this service.”

Group Code – PR

When denying claims for an AWW, HCPCS G0438 or G0439, because the services were rendered within the first 12 months after the effective date of a beneficiary’s first Medicare Part B coverage period, contractors shall use the following messages:

(New) MSN 18.24: “This service was denied. Medicare doesn’t cover an Annual Wellness Visit within the first 12 months of your Medicare Part B coverage. Medicare does cover a one-time initial preventive physical exam (“Welcome to Medicare” physical exam) within the first 12 months of your Medicare Part B coverage”.

Spanish Version: “Este servicio fue negado. Medicare no cubre la Visita Anual de Bienestar durante los primeros 12 meses de su inscripción a la Parte B de Medicare. Medicare cubre un examen físico preventivo (“Bienvenido a Medicare”) durante los primeros 12 meses de su inscripción a la Parte B de Medicare.”

CARC 26: “Expenses incurred prior to coverage”

RARC N130: “Consult plan benefit documents/guidelines for information about restrictions for this service.”

Group Code – PR

150 – Counseling to Prevent Tobacco Use

(Rev. 2058, Issued: 09-30-10, Effective: 08-25-10, Implementation: 01-03-11)

Effective for claims with dates of service on and after August 25, 2010, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) will cover counseling to prevent tobacco use services for outpatient and hospitalized Medicare beneficiaries:

1. Who use tobacco, regardless of whether they have signs or symptoms of tobacco-related disease;
2. Who are competent and alert at the time that counseling is provided; and,
3. Whose counseling is furnished by a qualified physician or other Medicare-recognized practitioner.

These individuals who do not have signs or symptoms of tobacco-related disease will be covered under Medicare Part B when the above conditions of coverage are met, subject to certain frequency and other limitations.

Conditions of Medicare Part A and Medicare Part B coverage for counseling to prevent tobacco use are located in the Medicare National Coverage Determinations (NCD) Manual, Publication 100-3, chapter 1, section 210.4.1.

150.1 – Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) and Diagnosis Coding

(Rev. 2058, Issued: 09-30-10, Effective: 08-25-10, Implementation: 01-03-11)

The CMS has created two new G codes for billing for tobacco cessation counseling services to prevent tobacco use for those individuals who use tobacco but do not have signs or symptoms of tobacco-related disease. These are in addition to the two CPT codes 99406 and 99407 that currently are used for smoking and tobacco-use cessation counseling for symptomatic individuals.

The following HCPCS codes should be reported when billing for counseling to prevent tobacco use effective January 1, 2011:

G0436 - Smoking and tobacco cessation counseling visit for the asymptomatic patient; intermediate, greater than 3 minutes, up to 10 minutes

Short descriptor: Tobacco-use counsel 3-10 min

G0437 - Smoking and tobacco cessation counseling visit for the asymptomatic patient; intensive, greater than 10 minutes

Short descriptor: Tobacco-use counsel >10min

NOTE: The above G codes will not be active in contractors' systems until January 1, 2011. Therefore, contractors shall advise non-outpatient perspective payment system (OPPS) providers to use unlisted code 99199 to bill for counseling to prevent tobacco use and tobacco-related disease services during the interim period of August 25, 2010, through December 31, 2010.

On January 3, 2011, contractor's systems will accept the new G codes for services performed on or after August 25, 2010.

Two new C codes have been created for facilities paid under OPPS when billing for counseling to prevent tobacco use and tobacco-related disease services during the interim period of August 25, 2010, through December 31, 2010:

C9801 – Smoking and tobacco cessation counseling visit for the asymptomatic patient, intermediate, greater than 3 minutes, up to 10 minutes

Short descriptor: Tobacco-use counsel 3-10 min

C9802 – Smoking and tobacco cessation counseling visit for the asymptomatic patient, intensive, greater than 10 minutes

Short descriptor: Tobacco-use counsel >10min

Claims for smoking and tobacco use cessation counseling services G0436 and G0437 shall be submitted with diagnosis code V15.82, history of tobacco use, or 305.1, non-dependent tobacco use disorder.

Contractors shall allow payment for a medically necessary E/M service on the same day as the smoking and tobacco-use cessation counseling service when it is clinically appropriate. Physicians and qualified non-physician practitioners shall use an appropriate HCPCS code to report an E/M service with modifier -25 to indicate that the E/M service is a separately identifiable service from G0436 or G0437.

150.2 - Carrier Billing Requirements

(Rev. 2058, Issued: 09-30-10, Effective: 08-25-10, Implementation: 01-03-11)

Carriers shall pay for counseling to prevent tobacco use services billed with code G0436 or G0437 for dates of service on or after January 1, 2011. Carriers shall pay for counseling services billed with code 99199 for dates of service performed on or after August 25, 2010 through December 31, 2010. The type of service (TOS) for each of the new codes is 1.

Carriers pay for counseling services billed based on the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule (MPFS). Deductible and coinsurance apply for services performed on August 25, 2010, through December 31, 2010. For claims with dates of service on and after January 1, 2011, coinsurance and deductible do not apply on G0436 and G0437.

Physicians or qualified non-physician practitioners shall bill the carrier for counseling to prevent tobacco use services on Form CMS-1500 or an approved electronic format.

NOTE: The above G codes will not be active in contractors' systems until January 1, 2011. Therefore, contractors shall advise providers to use unlisted code 99199 to bill for counseling to prevent tobacco use services during the interim period of August 25, 2010, through December 31, 2010.

150.2.1 – Fiscal Intermediary (FI) Billing Requirements **(Rev. 2058, Issued: 09-30-10, Effective: 08-25-10, Implementation: 01-03-11)**

The FIs shall pay for counseling to prevent tobacco use services with codes G0436 and G0437 for dates of service on or after January 1, 2011. FIs shall pay for counseling services billed with code 99199 for dates of service performed on or after August 25, 2010, through December 31, 2010. For facilities paid under OPPS, FIs shall pay for counseling services billed with codes C9801 and C9802 for dates of service performed on or after August 25, 2010, through December 31, 2010.

Claims for counseling to prevent tobacco use services should be submitted on Form CMS-1450 or its electronic equivalent.

The applicable bill types are 12X, 13X, 22X, 23X, 34X, 71X, 77X, and 85X.

Payment for outpatient services is as follows:

| Type of Facility | Method of Payment |
|--|--|
| Rural Health Centers (RHCs) TOB 71X/Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs)TOB 77X | All-inclusive rate (AIR) for the encounter |
| Hospitals TOBs 12X and 13X | OPPS for hospitals subject to OPPS MPFS for hospitals not subject to OPPS |
| Indian Health Services (IHS) Hospitals TOB 13X | AIR for the encounter |
| Skilled Nursing Facilities (SNFs) TOBs 22X and 23X | Medicare Physician Fee Schedule (MPFS) |
| Home Health Agencies (HHAs) TOB 34X | MPFS |

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| Critical Access Hospitals (CAHs) TOB 85X | Method I: Technical services are paid at 101% of reasonable cost. Method II: technical services are paid at 101% of reasonable cost, and Professional services are paid at 115% of the MPFS Data Base |
| IHS CAHs TOB 85X | Based on specific rate |
| Maryland Hospitals | Payment is based according to the Health Services Cost Review Commission (HSCRC). That is 94% of submitted charges subject to any unmet deductible, coinsurance, and non-covered charges policies. |

Deductible and coinsurance apply for services performed on August 25, 2010, through December 31, 2010. For claims with dates of service on and after January 1, 2011, coinsurance and deductible do not apply for G0436 and G0437.

150.3 - Medicare Summary Notices (MSNs), Remittance Advice Remark Codes (RARCs), Claims Adjustment Reason Codes (CARCs), and Group Codes
(Rev. 2058, Issued: 09-30-10, Effective: 08-25-10, Implementation: 01-03-11)

When denying claims for counseling to prevent tobacco use services submitted without diagnosis codes 305.1 or V15.82, contractors shall use the following messages:

MSN 15.4: The information provided does not support the need for this service or item.

MSN Spanish Version: La información proporcionada no confirma la necesidad para este servicio o artículo

RARC M64 - Missing/incomplete/invalid other diagnosis

CARC 167 This (these) diagnosis(es) is (are) not covered, missing, or are invalid.

Contractors shall use Group Code CO, assigning financial liability to the provider, if a claim is received with no signed ABN on file.

When denying claims for counseling to prevent tobacco use services and smoking and tobacco-use cessation counseling services that exceed a combined total of 8 sessions within a 12-month period (G0436, G0437, 99406, 99407), contractors shall use the following messages:

MSN 20.5: “These services cannot be paid because your benefits are exhausted at this time.”

MSN Spanish Version: “Estos servicios no pueden ser pagados porque sus beneficios se han agotado.”

CARC 119: “Benefit maximum for this time period or occurrence has been reached.”

RARC N362: “The number of days or units of service exceeds our acceptable maximum.”

Contractors shall use Group Code PR, assigning financial liability to the beneficiary, if a claim is received with a signed ABN on file.

Contractors shall use Group Code CO, assigning financial liability to the provider, if a claim is received with no signed ABN on file.

150.4 - Common Working File (CWF)

(Rev. 2058, Issued: 09-30-10, Effective: 08-25-10, Implementation: 01-03-11)

The Common Working File (CWF) shall edit for the frequency of service limitations of counseling to prevent tobacco use sessions and smoking and tobacco-use cessation counseling services (G0436, G0437, 99406, 99407) rendered to a beneficiary for a combined total of 8 sessions within a 12-month period. The beneficiary may receive another 8 sessions during a second or subsequent year after 11 full months have passed since the first Medicare covered counseling session was performed. To start the count for the second or subsequent 12-month period, begin with the month after the month in which the first Medicare covered counseling session was performed and count until 11 full months have elapsed.

By entering the beneficiary’s health insurance claim number (HICN), providers have the capability to view the number of sessions a beneficiary has received for this service via inquiry through CWF.

160 - Intensive Behavioral Therapy (IBT) for Cardiovascular Disease (CVD)

(Rev. 2432, Issued: 03-23-12, Effective: 11-08-11, Implementation: 12-27-11 non-shared system edits, 04-02-12 shared system edits, 07-02-12 CWF/HICR/MCS MCDST)

For services furnished on or after November 8, 2011, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) covers intensive behavioral therapy (IBT) for cardiovascular disease (CVD). See National Coverage Determinations (NCD) Manual (Pub. 100-03) §210.11 for complete coverage guidelines.

160.1 - Coding Requirements for IBT for CVD Furnished on or After November 8, 2011

(Rev. 2432, Issued: 03-23-12, Effective: 11-08-11, Implementation: 12-27-11 non-shared system edits, 04-02-12 shared system edits, 07-02-12 CWF/HICR/MCS MCDST)

The following is the applicable Healthcare Procedural Coding System (HCPCS) code for IBT for CVD:

G0446: Annual, face-to-face intensive behavioral therapy for cardiovascular disease, individual, 15 minutes

Contractors shall not apply deductibles or coinsurance to claim lines containing HCPCS code G0446.

160.2 - Claims Processing Requirements for IBT for CVD Furnished on or After November 8, 2011

(Rev. 2432, Issued: 03-23-12, Effective: 11-08-11, Implementation: 12-27-11 non-shared system edits, 04-02-12 shared system edits, 07-02-12 CWF/HICR/MCS MCDST)

160.2.1 – Correct Place of Service (POS) Codes for IBT for CVD on Professional Claims

(Rev. 2432, Issued: 03-23-12, Effective: 11-08-11, Implementation: 12-27-11 non-shared system edits, 04-02-12 shared system edits, 07-02-12 CWF/HICR/MCS MCDST)

Contractors shall pay for IBT CVD, G0446 only when services are provided at the following POS:

11- Physician's Office
22-Outpatient Hospital
49- Independent Clinic
72-Rural Health Clinic

Claims not submitted with one of the POS codes above will be denied.

The following messages shall be used when Medicare contractors deny professional claims for incorrect POS:

Claim Adjustment Reason Code (CARC) 58: "Treatment was deemed by the payer to have been rendered in an inappropriate or invalid place of service." NOTE: Refer to the 835 Healthcare Policy Identification Segment (loop 2110 Service Payment Information REF), if present.

Remittance Advice Remark Code (RARC) N428: "Not covered when performed in this place of service."

Medicare Summary Notice (MSN) 21.25: "This service was denied because Medicare only covers this service in certain settings."

Spanish Version: El servicio fue denegado porque Medicare solamente lo cubre en ciertas situaciones."

Group Code PR (Patient Responsibility) assigning financial liability to the beneficiary, if a claim is received with a GA modifier indicating a signed ABN is on file.

Group Code CO (Contractual Obligation) assigning financial liability to the provider, if a claim is received with a GZ modifier indicating no signed ABN is on file.

160.2.2 - Provider Specialty Edits for IBT for CVD on Professional Claims

(Rev. 2432, Issued: 03-23-12, Effective: 11-08-11, Implementation: 12-27-11 non-shared system edits, 04-02-12 shared system edits, 07-02-12 CWF/HICR/MCS MCDST)

Contractors shall pay claims for HCPCS code G0446 only when services are submitted by the following provider specialty types found on the provider's enrollment record:

01= General Practice
08 = Family Practice
11= Internal Medicine
16 = Obstetrics/Gynecology
37= Pediatric Medicine
38 = Geriatric Medicine
42= Certified Nurse Midwife
50 = Nurse Practitioner
89 = Certified Clinical Nurse Specialist
97= Physician Assistant

Contractors shall deny claim lines for HCPCS code G0446 performed by any other provider specialty type other than those listed above.

The following messages shall be used when Medicare contractors deny IBT for CVD claims billed with invalid provider specialty types:

CARC 185: "The rendering provider is not eligible to perform the service billed."
NOTE: Refer to the 835 Healthcare Policy Identification Segment (loop 2110 Service Payment Information REF), if present.

RARC N95: "This provider type/provider specialty may not bill this service."

MSN 21.18: "This item or service is not covered when performed or ordered by this provider."

Spanish version: "Este servicio no esta cubierto cuando es ordenado o rendido por este proveedor."

Group Code PR (Patient Responsibility) assigning financial liability to the beneficiary, if a claim is received with a GA modifier indicating a signed ABN is on file.

Group Code CO (Contractual Obligation) assigning financial liability to the provider, if a claim is received with a GZ modifier indicating no signed ABN is on file.

160.3 - Correct Types of Bill (TOB) for IBT for CVD on Institutional Claims

(Rev. 2432, Issued: 03-23-12, Effective: 11-08-11, Implementation: 12-27-11 non-shared system edits, 04-02-12 shared system edits, 07-02-12 CWF/HICR/MCS MCDST)

Effective for claims with dates of service on and after November 8, 2011, the following types of bill (TOB) may be used for IBT for CVD: 13X, 71X, 77X, or 85X. All other TOB codes shall be denied.

The following messages shall be used when Medicare contractors deny claims for G0446 when submitted on a TOB other than those listed above:

CARC 170: Payment is denied when performed/billed by this type of provider. Note: Refer to the 835 Healthcare Policy Identification Segment (loop 2110 Service Payment Information REF), if present.

RARC N428: Not covered when performed in this place of service.”

MSN 21.25: “This service was denied because Medicare only covers this service in certain settings.”

Spanish Version: El servicio fue denegado porque Medicare solamente lo cubre en ciertas situaciones.”

Group Code PR (Patient Responsibility) assigning financial liability to the beneficiary, if a claim is received with a GA modifier indicating a signed ABN is on file.

Group Code CO (Contractual Obligation) assigning financial liability to the provider, if a claim is received with a GZ modifier indicating no signed ABN is on file.

160.4 - Frequency Edits for IBT for CVD Claims

(Rev. 2432, Issued: 03-23-12, Effective: 11-08-11, Implementation: 12-27-11 non-shared system edits, 04-02-12 shared system edits, 07-02-12 CWF/HICR/MCS MCDST)

Contractors shall allow claims for G0446 no more than once in a 12-month period.

NOTE: 11 full months must elapse following the month in which the last G0446 IBT for CVD took place.

Contractors shall deny claims IBT for CVD claims that exceed one (1) visit every 12 months.

Contractors shall allow one professional service and one facility fee claim for each visit.

The following messages shall be used when Medicare contractors deny IBT for CVD claims that exceed the frequency limit:

CARC 119: “Benefit maximum for this time period or occurrence has been reached.”

RARC N362: “The number of days or units of service exceeds our acceptable maximum.”

MSN 20.5: “These services cannot be paid because your benefits are exhausted at this time.”

Spanish Version: “Estos servicios no pueden ser pagados porque sus beneficios se han agotado.”

Group Code PR (Patient Responsibility) assigning financial liability to the beneficiary, if a claim is received with a GA modifier indicating a signed ABN is on file.

Group Code CO (Contractual Obligation) assigning financial liability to the provider, if a claim is received with a GZ modifier indicating no signed ABN is on file.

160.5 - Common Working File (CWF) Edits for IBT for CVD Claims (Rev. 2432, Issued: 03-23-12, Effective: 11-08-11, Implementation: 12-27-11 non-shared system edits, 04-02-12 shared system edits, 07-02-12 CWF/HICR/MCS MCDST)

When applying frequency, CWF shall count 11 full months following the month of the last IBT for CVD, G0446 before allowing subsequent payment of another G0446 screening.

When applying frequency limitations to G0446, CWF shall allow both a claim for the professional service and a claim for the facility fee. CWF shall identify the following institutional claims as facility fee claims for screening services: TOB 13X, TOB85X when the revenue code is not 096X, 097X, or 098X. CWF shall identify all other claims as professional service claims for screening services. NOTE: This does not apply to RHCs and FQHCs.

170 - Screening for Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs) and High Intensity Behavioral Counseling (HIBC) to Prevent STIs

(Rev. 2476, Issued: 05-23-12, Effective: 11-08-11, Implementation: 02-27-12)

170.1 - Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) Codes for Screening for STIs and HIBC to Prevent STIs

(Rev. 2476, Issued: 05-23-12, Effective: 11-08-11, Implementation: 02-27-12)

Effective for claims with dates of service on and after November 8, 2011, the claims processing instructions for payment of screening tests for STI will apply to the following HCPCS codes:

- Chlamydia: 86631, 86632, 87110, 87270, 87320, 87490, 87491, 87810, 87800 (used for combined chlamydia and gonorrhea testing)
- Gonorrhea: 87590, 87591, 87850, 87800 (used for combined chlamydia and gonorrhea testing)
- Syphilis: 86592, 86593, 86780
- Hepatitis B: (hepatitis B surface antigen): 87340, 87341

Effective for claims with dates of service on and after November 8, 2011, implemented with the January 2, 2012, IOCE, the following HCPCS code is to be billed for HIBC to prevent STIs:

- G0445 – high-intensity behavioral counseling to prevent sexually transmitted infections, face-to-face, individual, includes: education, skills training, and guidance on how to change sexual behavior, performed semi-annually, 30 minutes.

170.2 – Diagnosis Code Reporting

(Rev. 2476, Issued: 05-23-12, Effective: 11-08-11, Implementation: 02-27-12)

A claim that is submitted for screening chlamydia, gonorrhea, syphilis, and/or hepatitis B shall be submitted with one or more of the following diagnosis codes in the header and pointed to the line item:

a. For claims for screening for chlamydia, gonorrhea, and syphilis in women at increased risk who are not pregnant use the following diagnosis codes:

- V74.5 – Screening, bacterial – sexually transmitted; and
- V69.8 - Other problems related to lifestyle as secondary (This diagnosis code is used to indicate high/increased risk for STIs).

b. For claims for screening for syphilis in men at increased risk use the following diagnosis codes:

- V74.5 – Screening, bacterial – sexually transmitted; and
- V69.8 - Other problems related to lifestyle as secondary.

c. For claims for screening for chlamydia and gonorrhea in pregnant women at increased risk for STIs use the following diagnosis codes:

- V74.5 – Screening, bacterial – sexually transmitted; and
- V69.8 - Other problems related to lifestyle, and,
- V22.0 – Supervision of normal first pregnancy, or
- V22.1 – Supervision of other normal pregnancy, or,
- V23.9 – Supervision of unspecified high-risk pregnancy.

d. For claims for screening for syphilis in pregnant women use the following diagnosis codes:

- V74.5 – Screening, bacterial – sexually transmitted; and
- V22.0 – Supervision of normal first pregnancy, or,
- V22.1 – Supervision of other normal pregnancy, or,
- V23.9 – Supervision of unspecified high-risk pregnancy.

e. For claims for screening for syphilis in pregnant women at increased risk for STIs use the following diagnosis codes:

- V74.5 – Screening, bacterial – sexually transmitted; and
- V69.8 - Other problems related to lifestyle, and,
- V22.0 – Supervision of normal first pregnancy, or
- V22.1 – Supervision of other normal pregnancy, or,
- V23.9 – Supervision of unspecified high-risk pregnancy.

f. For claims for screening for hepatitis B in pregnant women use the following diagnosis codes:

- V73.89– Screening, disease or disorder, viral, specified type NEC; and
- V22.0 – Supervision of normal first pregnancy, or,
- V22.1 – Supervision of other normal pregnancy, or,
- V23.9 – Supervision of unspecified high-risk pregnancy.

g. For claims for screening for hepatitis B in pregnant women at increased risk for STIs use the following diagnosis codes:

- V73.89– Screening, disease or disorder, viral, specified type NEC; and
- V 69.8 - Other problems related to lifestyle, and,
- V22.0 – Supervision of normal first pregnancy, or,
- V22.1 – Supervision of other normal pregnancy, or,
- V23.9 – Supervision of unspecified high-risk pregnancy.

ICD-10 Diagnosis Coding:

Contractors shall note the appropriate ICD-10 code(s) that are listed below for future implementation. Contractors shall track the ICD-10 codes and ensure that the updated edit is turned on as part of the ICD-10 implementation effective October 1, 2013.

| ICD-10 | Description |
|--------|---|
| Z113 | Encounter for screening for infections with a predominantly sexual mode of transmission |
| Z1159 | Encounter for screening for other viral diseases |
| Z7289 | Other problems related to lifestyle |
| Z3400 | Encounter for supervision of normal first pregnancy, unspecified trimester |
| Z3480 | Encounter for supervision of other normal pregnancy, unspecified trimester |
| O0990 | Supervision of high risk pregnancy, unspecified, unspecified trimester |

170.3 - Billing Requirements

(Rev. 2476, Issued: 05-23-12, Effective: 11-08-11, Implementation: 02-27-12)

Effective for dates of service November 8, 2011, and later, contractors shall recognize HCPCS code G0445 for HIBC. Medicare shall cover up to two occurrences of G0445 when billed for HIBC to prevent STIs. A claim that is submitted with HCPCS code G0445 for HIBC shall be submitted with ICD-9 diagnosis code V69.8.

Medicare contractors shall pay for screening for chlamydia, gonorrhea, and syphilis (As indicated by the presence of ICD-9 diagnosis code V74.5); and/or hepatitis B (as indicated by the presence of ICD-9 diagnosis code V73.89) as follows:

- One annual occurrence of screening for chlamydia, gonorrhea, and syphilis (i.e., 1 per 12-month period) in women at increased risk who are not pregnant,
- One annual occurrence of screening for syphilis (i.e., 1 per 12-month period) in men at increased risk,
- Up to two occurrences per pregnancy of screening for chlamydia and gonorrhea in pregnant women who are at increased risk for STIs and continued increased risk for the second screening,
- One occurrence per pregnancy of screening for syphilis in pregnant women,
- Up to an additional two occurrences per pregnancy of screening for syphilis in pregnant women if the beneficiary is at continued increased risk for STIs,

- One occurrence per pregnancy of screening for hepatitis B in pregnant women, and,
- One additional occurrence per pregnancy of screening for hepatitis B in pregnant women who are at continued increased risk for STIs.

170.4 - Types of Bill (TOBs) and Revenue Codes

(Rev. 2476, Issued: 05-23-12, Effective: 11-08-11, Implementation: 02-27-12)

The applicable types of bill (TOBs) for HIBC screening, HCPCS code G0445, are: 13X, 71X, 77X, and 85X.

On institutional claims, TOBs 71X and 77X, use revenue code 052X to ensure coinsurance and deductible are not applied.

Critical access hospitals (CAHs) electing the optional method of payment for outpatient services report this service under revenue codes 096X, 097X, or 098X.

170.4.1 - Payment Method

(Rev. 2476, Issued: 05-23-12, Effective: 11-08-11, Implementation: 02-27-12)

Payment for HIBC is based on the all-inclusive payment rate for rural health clinics (TOBs 71X) and federally qualified health centers (TOB 77X). Hospital outpatient departments (TOB 13X) are paid based on the outpatient prospective payment system and CAHs (TOB 85X) are paid based on reasonable cost. CAHs electing the optional method of payment for outpatient services are paid based on 115% of the lesser of the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule (MPFS) amount or submitted charge.

Effective for dates of service on and after November 8, 2011, deductible and coinsurance do not apply to claim lines with G0445.

HCPCS code G0445 may be paid on the same date of service as an annual wellness visit, evaluation and management (E&M) code, or during the global billing period for obstetrical care, but only one G0445 may be paid on any one date of service. If billed on the same date of service with an E&M code, the E&M code should have a distinct diagnosis code other than the diagnosis code used to indicate high/increased risk for STIs for the G0445 service. An E&M code should not be billed when the sole reason for the visit is HIBC to prevent STIs.

For Medicare Part B physician and non-practitioner claims, payment for HIBC to prevent STIs is based on the MPFS amount for G0445.

170.5 – Specialty Codes and Place of Service (POS)

(Rev. 2476, Issued: 05-23-12, Effective: 11-08-11, Implementation: 02-27-12)

Medicare provides coverage for screening for chlamydia, gonorrhea, syphilis, and/or hepatitis B and HIBC to prevent STIs only when ordered by a primary care practitioner (physician or non-physician) with any of the following specialty codes:

- 01 – General Practice
- 08 – Family Practice
- 11 – Internal Medicine
- 16 – Obstetrics/Gynecology
- 37 – Pediatric Medicine
- 38 – Geriatric Medicine
- 42 – Certified Nurse Midwife
- 50 – Nurse Practitioner
- 89 – Certified Clinical Nurse Specialist
- 97 – Physician Assistant

Medicare provides coverage for HIBC to prevent STIs only when provided by a primary care practitioner (physician or non-physician) with any of the specialty codes identified above.

Medicare provides coverage for HIBC to prevent STIs only when the POS billed is 11, 22, 49, or 71.

180 - Alcohol Screening and Behavioral Counseling Interventions in Primary Care to Reduce Alcohol Misuse

(Rev. 2433, Issued: 03-26-12, Effective: 10-14-11, Implementation: 12-27-11 non-system changes, 04-02-12 shared system changes, 07-02-12 CWF/HICR/MCS MCSDT)

The United States Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF) defines alcohol misuse as risky, hazardous, or harmful drinking which places an individual at risk for future problems with alcohol consumption. In the general adult population, alcohol consumption becomes risky or hazardous when consuming:

- Greater than 7 drinks per week or greater than 3 drinks per occasion for women and persons greater than 65 years old.
- Greater than 14 drinks per week or greater than 4 drinks per occasion for men 65 years old and younger.

180.1 - Policy

(Rev. 2433, Issued: 03-26-12, Effective: 10-14-11, Implementation: 12-27-11 non-system changes, 04-02-12 shared system changes, 07-02-12 CWF/HICR/MCS MCSDT)

Claims with dates of service on and after October 14, 2011, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) will cover annual alcohol misuse screening (HCPCS code G0442) consisting of 1 screening session, and for those that screen positive, up to 4 brief, face-to-face behavioral counseling sessions (HCPCS code G0443) per 12-month period for Medicare beneficiaries, including pregnant women.

Medicare beneficiaries that may be identified as having a need for behavioral counseling sessions include those:

- Who misuse alcohol, but whose levels or patterns of alcohol consumption do not meet criteria for alcohol dependence (defined as at least three of the following: tolerance, withdrawal symptoms, impaired control, preoccupation with acquisition and/or use, persistent desire or unsuccessful efforts to quit, sustains social, occupational, or recreational disability, use continues despite adverse consequences); and,
- Who are competent and alert at the time that counseling is provided; and,
- Whose counseling is furnished by qualified primary care physicians or other primary care practitioners in a primary care setting.

Once a Medicare beneficiary has agreed to behavioral counseling sessions, the counseling sessions are to be completed based on the 5As approach adopted by the United States Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF.) The steps to the 5As approach are listed below.

1. **Assess:** Ask about/assess behavioral health risk(s) and factors affecting choice of behavior change goals/methods.
2. **Advise:** Give clear, specific, and personalized behavior change advice, including information about personal health harms and benefits.
3. **Agree:** Collaboratively select appropriate treatment goals and methods based on the patient's interest in and willingness to change the behavior.
4. **Assist:** Using behavior change techniques (self-help and/or counseling), aid the patient in achieving agreed-upon goals by acquiring the skills, confidence, and social/environmental supports for behavior change, supplemented with adjunctive medical treatments when appropriate.
5. **Arrange:** Schedule follow-up contacts (in person or by telephone) to provide ongoing assistance/support and to adjust the treatment plan as needed, including referral to more intensive or specialized treatment.

180.2 - Institutional Billing Requirements

(Rev. 2433, Issued: 03-26-12, Effective: 10-14-11, Implementation: 12-27-11 non-system changes, 04-02-12 shared system changes, 07-02-12 CWF/HICR/MCS MCSDT)

For claims with dates of service on and after October 14, 2011, Medicare will allow coverage for annual alcohol misuse screening, 15 minutes, G0442, and brief, face-to-face behavioral counseling for alcohol misuse, 15 minutes, G0443 for:

- Rural Health Clinics (RHCs) - type of bill (TOB) 71X only – based on the all-inclusive payment rate
- Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) - TOB 77X only – based on the all-inclusive payment rate
- Outpatient hospitals – TOB 13X - based on Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS)
- Critical Access Hospitals (CAHs) - TOB 85X – based on reasonable cost
- CAH Method II – TOB 85X - based on 115% of the lesser of the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule (MPFS) amount or actual charge as applicable with revenue codes 096X, 097X, or 098X.

For RHCs and FQHCs the alcohol screening/counseling is not separately payable with another face-to-face encounter on the same day. This does not apply to the Initial Preventive Physical Examination (IPPE), unrelated services denoted with modifier 59, and 77X claims containing Diabetes Self Management Training (DSMT) and Medical Nutrition Therapy (MNT) services. DSMT and MNT apply to FQHCs only. However, the screening/counseling sessions alone when rendered as a face-to-face visit with a core practitioner do constitute an encounter and is paid based on the all-inclusive payment rate.

Note: For outpatient hospital settings, as in any other setting, services covered under this NCD must be provided by a primary care provider.

Claims submitted with alcohol misuse screening and behavioral counseling HCPCS codes G0442 and G0443 on a TOB other than 13X, 71X, 77X, and 85X will be denied.

Effective October 14, 2011, deductible and co-insurance should not be applied for line items on claims billed for alcohol misuse screening G0442 and behavioral counseling for alcohol misuse G0443.

180.3 - Professional Billing Requirements

(Rev. 2433, Issued: 03-26-12, Effective: 10-14-11, Implementation: 12-27-11 non-system changes, 04-02-12 shared system changes, 07-02-12 CWF/HICR/MCS MCSDT)

For claims with dates of service on and after October 14, 2011, CMS will allow coverage for annual alcohol misuse screening, 15 minutes, G0442, and behavioral counseling for alcohol misuse, 15 minutes, G0443, only when services are submitted by the following provider specialties found on the provider's enrollment record:

- 01 - General Practice
- 08 - Family Practice
- 11 - Internal Medicine
- 16 - Obstetrics/Gynecology
- 37 - Pediatric Medicine
- 38 - Geriatric Medicine
- 42 - Certified Nurse-Midwife
- 50 - Nurse Practitioner
- 89 - Certified Clinical Nurse Specialist
- 97 - Physician Assistant

Any claims that are not submitted from one of the provider specialty types noted above will be denied.

For claims with dates of service on and after October 14, 2011, CMS will allow coverage for annual alcohol misuse screening, 15 minutes, G0442, and behavioral counseling for alcohol misuse, 15 minutes, G0443, only when submitted with one of the following place of service (POS) codes:

- 11 - Physician's Office
- 22 - Outpatient Hospital
- 49 - Independent Clinic
- 71 - State or local public health clinic or

Any claims that are not submitted with one of the POS codes noted above will be denied.

The alcohol screening/counseling services are payable with another encounter/visit on the same day. This does not apply for IPPE.

180.4 - Claim Adjustment Reason Codes, Remittance Advice Remark Codes, Group Codes, and Medicare Summary Notice Messages
(Rev. 2433, Issued: 03-26-12, Effective: 10-14-11, Implementation: 12-27-11 non-system changes, 04-02-12 shared system changes, 07-02-12 CWF/HICR/MCS MCSDT)

Contractors shall use the appropriate claim adjustment reason codes (CARCs), remittance advice remark codes (RARCs), group codes, or Medicare summary notice (MSN) messages when denying payment for alcohol misuse screening and alcohol misuse behavioral counseling sessions:

- For RHC and FQHC claims that contain screening for alcohol misuse HCPCS code G0442 and alcohol misuse counseling HCPCS code G0443 with another encounter/visit with the same line item date of service, use group code CO and reason code:
 - Claim Adjustment Reason Code (CARC) 97 – The benefit for this service is included in the payment/allowance for another service/procedure that has already been adjudicated. Note: Refer to the 835 Healthcare Policy Identification Segment (loop 2110 Service Payment Information REF) if present
- Denying claims containing HCPCS code G0442 and HCPCS code G0443 submitted on a TOB other than 13X, 71X, 77X, and 85X:
 - Claim Adjustment Reason Code (CARC) 5 - The procedure code/bill type is inconsistent with the place of service. Note: Refer to the 835 Healthcare Policy Identification Segment (loop 2110 Service Payment Information REF) if present
 - Remittance Advice Remark Code (RARC) M77 – Missing/incomplete/invalid place of service
 - Group Code PR (Patient Responsibility) assigning financial liability to the beneficiary, if a claim is received with a GA modifier indicating a signed ABN is on file.
 - Group Code CO (Contractual Obligation) assigning financial liability to the provider, if a claim is received with a GZ modifier indicating no signed ABN is on file.
- Denying claims that contains more than one alcohol misuse behavioral counseling session G0443 on the same date of service:
 - Medicare Summary Notice (MSN) 15.6 – The information provided does not support the need for this many services or items within this period of time.
 - Claim Adjustment Reason Code (CARC) 151 – Payment adjusted because the payer deems the information submitted does not support this many/frequency of services.
 - Remittance Advice Remark Code (RARC) M86 – Service denied because payment already made for same/similar procedure within set time frame.
 - Group Code PR (Patient Responsibility) assigning financial liability to the beneficiary, if a claim is received with a GA modifier indicating a signed ABN is on file.

- Group Code CO (Contractual Obligation) assigning financial liability to the provider, if a claim is received with a GZ modifier indicating no signed ABN is on file.
- Denying claims that are not submitted from the appropriate provider specialties:
 - Medicare Summary Notice (MSN) 21.18 – This item or service is not covered when performed or ordered by this provider.
 - Claim Adjustment Reason Code (CARC) 185 - The rendering provider is not eligible to perform the service billed. NOTE: Refer to the 835 Healthcare Policy Identification Segment (loop 2110 Service Payment Information REF), if present.
 - Remittance Advice Remark Code (RARC) N95 - This provider type/provider specialty may not bill this service.
 - Group Code PR (Patient Responsibility) assigning financial liability to the beneficiary, if a claim is received with a GA modifier indicating a signed ABN is on file.
 - Group Code CO (Contractual Obligation) assigning financial liability to the provider, if a claim is received with a GZ modifier indicating no signed ABN is on file.
- Denying claims without the appropriate POS code:
 - Medicare Summary Notice (MSN) 21.25 – This service was denied because Medicare only covers this service in certain settings.
 - Claim Adjustment Reason Code (CARC) 58 – Treatment was deemed by the payer to have been rendered in an inappropriate or invalid place of service. Note: Refer to the 835 Healthcare Policy Identification Segment (loop 2110 Service Payment Information REF) if present.
 - Remittance Advice Remark Code (RARC) N428 – Not covered when performed in this place of service.
 - Group Code PR (Patient Responsibility) assigning financial liability to the beneficiary, if a claim is received with a GA modifier indicating a signed ABN is on file.

- Group Code CO (Contractual Obligation) assigning financial liability to the provider, if a claim is received with a GZ modifier indicating no signed ABN is on file.
- Denying claims for alcohol misuse screening HCPCS code G0442 more than once in a 12-month period, and denying alcohol misuse counseling sessions HCPCS code G0443 more than four times in the same 12-month period:
 - Medicare Summary Notice (MSN) 20.5 – These services cannot be paid because your benefits are exhausted at this time.
 - Claim Adjustment Reason Code (CARC) 119 – Benefit maximum for this time period or occurrence has been reached.
 - Remittance Advice Remark Code (RARC) N362 – The number of Days or Units of service exceeds our acceptable maximum.
 - Group Code PR (Patient Responsibility) assigning financial liability to the beneficiary, if a claim is received with a GA modifier indicating a signed ABN is on file.
 - Group Code CO (Contractual Obligation) assigning financial liability to the provider, if a claim is received with a GZ modifier indicating no signed ABN is on file.

180.5 - CWF Requirements

(Rev. 2433, Issued: 03-26-12, Effective: 10-14-11, Implementation: 12-27-11 non-system changes, 04-02-12 shared system changes, 07-02-12 CWF/HICR/MCS MCSDT)

When applying frequency, CWF shall count 11 full months following the month of the last alcohol misuse screening visit, G0442, before allowing subsequent payment of another G0442 screening. Additionally, CWF shall create an edit to allow alcohol misuse brief behavioral counseling, HCPCS G0443, no more than 4 times in a 12-month period and make this edit overridable. CWF shall also count four alcohol misuse counseling sessions HCPCS G0443 in the same 12-month period used for G0442 counting from the date the G0442 screening session was billed.

When applying frequency limitations to G0442 screening on the same date of service as G0443 counseling, CWF shall allow both a claim for the professional service and a claim for a facility fee. CWF shall identify the following institutional claims as facility fee claims for screening services: TOB 13X, TOB 85X when the revenue code is not 096X, 097X, or 098X. CWF shall identify all other claims as professional service claims for screening services. NOTE: This does not apply to RHCs and FQHCs.

190 - Screening for Depression in Adults (Effective October 14, 2011)
(Rev. 2431, Issued: 03-23-12, Effective: 10-14-11, Implementation: 12-27-11 non-shared system edits/04-02-12 shared system edits/07-02-12 CWF, HICR, MCS MCSDT)

A. Coverage Requirements

Effective October 14, 2011, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) will cover annual screening up to 15 minutes for Medicare beneficiaries in primary care settings that have staff-assisted depression care supports in place to assure accurate diagnosis, effective treatment, and follow-up. Various screening tools are available for screening for depression. CMS does not identify specific depression screening tools. Rather, the decision to use a specific tool is at the discretion of the clinician in the primary care setting. Screening for depression is non-covered when performed more than one time in a 12-month period. The Medicare coinsurance and Part B deductible are waived for this preventive service.

Additional information on this National Coverage Determination (NCD) for Screening for Depression in Adults can be found in Publication 100-03, NCD Manual, Section 210.9.

190.1 - A/B MAC and Carrier Billing Requirements

(Rev. 2431, Issued: 03-23-12, Effective: 10-14-11, Implementation: 12-27-11 non-shared system edits/04-02-12 shared system edits/07-02-12 CWF, HICR, MCS MCSDT)

Effective October 14, 2011, contractors shall recognize new HCPCS G0444, annual depression screening, 15 minutes.

190.2 - Frequency

(Rev. 2431, Issued: 03-23-12, Effective: 10-14-11, Implementation: 12-27-11 non-shared system edits/04-02-12 shared system edits/07-02-12 CWF, HICR, MCS MCSDT)

Medicare contractors shall pay for annual depression screening, G0444, no more than once in a 12-month period.

NOTE: 11 full months must elapse following the month in which the last annual depression screening took place.

190.3 - Place of Service (POS)

(Rev. 2431, Issued: 03-23-12, Effective: 10-14-11, Implementation: 12-27-11 non-shared system edits/04-02-12 shared system edits/07-02-12 CWF, HICR, MCS MCSDT)

Contractors shall pay for annual depression screening claims, G0444, only when services are provided at the following places of service (POS):

- 11 – Office
- 22 – Outpatient Hospital
- 49 – Independent Clinic
- 71 – State or Local Public Health Clinic

190.4 - Common Working File (CWF) Edits

(Rev. 2431, Issued: 03-23-12, Effective: 10-14-11, Implementation: 12-27-11 non-shared system edits/04-02-12 shared system edits/07-02-12 CWF, HICR, MCS MCSDT)

CWF shall count 11 full months from the month of the prior annual depression screening, G0444, before allowing subsequent payment.

190.5 - Professional Billing Requirements

(Rev. 2431, Issued: 03-23-12, Effective: 10-14-11, Implementation: 12-27-11 non-shared system edits/04-02-12 shared system edits/07-02-12 CWF, HICR, MCS MCSDT)

Contractors shall use the following claim adjustment reason codes (CARCs), remittance advice remark codes (RARCs), group codes, or Medicare Summary Notice (MSN) messages when denying payment for G0444 when reported more than once in a 12-month period.

- CARC 119 – “Benefit maximum for this time period or occurrence has been reached.”
- RARC N362 – “The number of days or units of service exceeds our acceptable maximum.”
- MSN 20.5 – “These services cannot be paid because your benefits are exhausted as this time.”

Spanish Version - “Estos servicios no pueden ser pagados porque sus beneficios se han agotado.”

- Group Code PR (Patient Responsibility) assigning financial liability to the beneficiary, if a claim is received with a GA modifier indicating a signed ABN is on file.
- Group Code CO (Contractual Obligation) assigning financial liability to the provider, if a claim is received with a GZ modifier indicating no signed ABN is on file.

Contractors shall use the following CARCs, RARCs, group codes, or MSNs messages when denying payment for G0444 and POS codes other than: 11-Office; 22-Outpatient Hospital; 49-Independent Clinic; and 71-State or Local Public Health Center.

- CARC 58 - "Treatment was deemed by the payer to have been rendered in an inappropriate or invalid place of service. Note: Refer to the 835 Healthcare Policy Identification Segment (loop 2110 Service Payment Information REF), if present."
- RARC N428 - "Not covered when performed in this place of service."
- MSN 21.25 - "This service was denied because Medicare only covers this service in certain settings."

Spanish Version - "El servicio fue denegado porque Medicare solamente lo cubre en ciertas situaciones."

- Group Code PR (Patient Responsibility) assigning financial liability to the beneficiary, if a claim is received with a GA modifier indicating a signed ABN is on file.
- Group Code CO (Contractual Obligation) assigning financial liability to the provider, if a claim is received with a GZ modifier indicating no signed ABN is on file.

190.6 - Institutional Billing Requirements

(Rev. 2431, Issued: 03-23-12, Effective: 10-14-11, Implementation: 12-27-11 non-shared system edits/04-02-12 shared system edits/07-02-12 CWF, HICR, MCS MCSDT)

For claims with dates of service on and after October 14, 2011, Medicare will allow coverage for annual screening depression in adults, HCPCS G0444 for:

- Rural Health Clinics (RHCs) type of bill (TOB) 71X only – based on the all-inclusive payment rate.
- Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) TOB 77X only – based on the all-inclusive payment rate.
- Outpatient hospitals - Based on Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS) TOB 13X – based on reasonable cost.
- Critical Access Hospitals (CAHs) TOB 85X – based on reasonable cost.
- CAH Method II with revenue codes 096x, 097x, or 098x only - based on 115% of the lesser of the actual charge or the MPFS.

For RHCs and FQHCs, annual screening for depression in adults is not separately payable with another face-to-face encounter on the same day. This does not apply to the Initial Preventive Physical Examination (IPPE), unrelated services denoted with modifier 59, and 77X claims containing Diabetes Self-Management Training (DSMT) and/or Medical Nutrition Therapy (MNT) services. DSMT and MNT apply to FQHC's only. However, annual screening depression by itself, when rendered as a face-to-face visit with a core practitioner, does constitute an encounter and is paid based on the all-inclusive payment rate.

Note: For outpatient hospital settings, as in any other setting, services covered under this NCD must be provided by a primary care provider.

Claims submitted with the annual screening depression HCPCS G0444 code on a TOB other than 13X, 71X, 77X, and 85X will be denied.

Effective for dates of service on and after October 14, 2011, deductible and coinsurance shall not be applied for claims billed for annual depression screening in adults with HCPCS G0444 at the line-level.

190.7 - CARCs, RARCs, Group Codes, and MSN Messages

(Rev. 2431, Issued: 03-23-12, Effective: 10-14-11, Implementation: 12-27-11 non-shared system edits/04-02-12 shared system edits/07-02-12 CWF, HICR, MCS MCSDT)

Contractors shall use the appropriate CARC, RARC, group codes, or MSN messages when denying payment for annual depression screening in adults:

- For RHCs and FQHCs when screening for depression, HCPCS code G0444, with another encounter/visit with the same line-item date of service, use group code CO and :
 - CARC 97 – “The benefit for this service is included in the payment/allowance for another service/procedure that has already been adjudicated. Note: Refer to the 835 Healthcare Policy Identification Segment (loop 2110 Service Payment Information REF) if present.”
- Denying claims containing HCPCS code G0444, submitted on a TOB other than 13X, 71X, 77X, and 85X:
 - MSN 21.25 – “This service was denied because Medicare only covers this service in certain settings.”

- CARC 170 - “Payment is denied when performed/billed by this type of provider. Note: Refer to the 835 Healthcare Policy Identification Segment (loop 2110 Service Payment Information REF), if present.”
 - RARC N428 – “Not covered when performed in this place of service.”
 - Group Code PR (Patient Responsibility) assigning financial liability to the beneficiary, if a claim is received with a GA modifier indicating a signed ABN is on file.
 - Group Code CO (Contractual Obligation) assigning financial liability to the provider, if a claim is received with a GZ modifier indicating no signed ABN is on file.
- Denying claims containing HCPCS code G0444, depression screening in adults, more than once in a 12-month period:
 - MSN 20.5 – “These services cannot be paid because your benefits are exhausted at this time.”
 - CARC 119 – “Benefit maximum for this period or occurrence has been reached.”
 - RARC N362 – “The number of days or units of service exceeds our acceptable maximum.”
 - Group Code PR (Patient Responsibility) assigning financial liability to the beneficiary, if a claim is received with a GA modifier indicating a signed ABN is on file.
 - Group Code CO (Contractual Obligation) assigning financial liability to the provider, if a claim is received with a GZ modifier indicating no signed ABN is on file.

200 - Intensive Behavioral Therapy for Obesity (Effective November 29, 2011)

(Rev. 2421, Issued: 03-07-12, Effective: 11-29-11, Implementation: 03-06-12, for non-shared system edits, 07-02-12 for shared system edits, CWF provider screen .HICR, and MCSDT changes)

The United States Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF) found good evidence that body mass index (BMI) is a reliable and valid indicator for identifying adults at increased risk for mortality and morbidity due to overweight and obesity. It also good evidence that high intensity counseling combined with behavioral interventions in obese adults (as defined by a BMI ≥ 30 kg/m²) produces modest, sustained weight loss.

200.1 – Policy

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For services furnished on or after November 29, 2011, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) will cover Intensive Behavioral Therapy for Obesity. Medicare beneficiaries with obesity ($BMI \geq 30 \text{ kg/m}^2$) who are competent and alert at the time that counseling is provided and whose counseling is furnished by a qualified primary care physician or other primary care practitioner in a primary care setting are eligible for:

- One face-to-face visit every week for the first month;
- One face-to-face visit every other week for months 2-6;
- One face-to-face visit every month for months 7-12, if the beneficiary meets the 3kg (6.6 lbs) weight loss requirement during the first six months as discussed below.

The counseling sessions are to be completed based on the 5As approach adopted by the United States Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF.) The steps to the 5As approach are listed below:

1. **Assess:** Ask about/assess behavioral health risk(s) and factors affecting choice of behavior change goals/methods.
2. **Advise:** Give clear, specific, and personalized behavior change advice, including information about personal health harms and benefits.
3. **Agree:** Collaboratively select appropriate treatment goals and methods based on the patient's interest in and willingness to change the behavior.
4. **Assist:** Using behavior change techniques (self-help and/or counseling), aid the patient in achieving agreed-upon goals by acquiring the skills, confidence, and social/environmental supports for behavior change, supplemented with adjunctive medical treatments when appropriate.
5. **Arrange:** Schedule follow-up contacts (in person or by telephone) to provide ongoing assistance/support and to adjust the treatment plan as needed, including referral to more intensive or specialized treatment.

Medicare will cover Face-to-Face Behavioral Counseling for Obesity, 15 minutes, G0447, along with 1 of the ICD-9 codes for BMI 30.0-BMI 70 (V85.30-V85.39 and V85.41-V85.45), up to 22 sessions in a 12-month period for Medicare beneficiaries. The Medicare coinsurance and Part B deductible are waived for this preventive service.

Contractors shall note the appropriate ICD-10 code(s) that are listed below for future implementation. Contractors shall track the ICD-10 codes and ensure that the updated edit is turned on as part of the ICD-10 implementation effective October 1, 2013.

| <u>ICD-10</u> | <u>Description</u> |
|---------------|--------------------------|
| Z68.30 | BMI 30.0-30.9, adult |
| Z68.31 | BMI 31.0-31.9, adult |
| Z68.32 | BMI 32.0-32.9, adult |
| Z68.33 | BMI 33.0-33.9, adult |
| Z68.34 | BMI 34.0-34.9, adult |
| Z68.35 | BMI 35.0-35.9, adult |
| Z68.36 | BMI 36.0-36.9, adult |
| Z68.37 | BMI 37.0-37.9, adult |
| Z68.38 | BMI 38.0-38.9, adult |
| Z68.39 | BMI 39.0-39.9, adult |
| Z68.41 | BMI 40.0-44.9, adult |
| Z68.42 | BMI 45.0-49.9, adult |
| Z68.43 | BMI 50.0-59.9, adult |
| Z68.44 | BMI 60.0-69.9, adult |
| Z68.45 | BMI 70 or greater, adult |

See National Coverage Determinations (NCD) Manual (Pub. 100-03) §210.12 for complete coverage guidelines.

200.2 – Institutional Billing Requirements

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Effective for claims with dates of service on and after November 29, 2011, providers may use the following types of bill (TOB) when submitting HCPCS code G0447: 13x, 71X, 77X, or 85X. Service line items on other TOBs shall be denied.

The service shall be paid on the basis shown below:

- Rural Health Clinics (RHCs) - type of bill (TOB) 71X only – based on the all-inclusive payment rate
- Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) - TOB 77X only – based on the all-inclusive payment rate

- Outpatient hospitals – TOB 13X - based on Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS)
- Critical Access Hospitals (CAHs) - TOB 85X – based on reasonable cost
- CAH Method II – TOB 85X - based on 115% of the lesser of the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule (MPFS) amount or actual charge as applicable with revenue codes 096X, 097X, or 098X.

For RHCs and FQHCs, obesity counseling is not separately payable with another face-to-face encounter on the same day. This does not apply to claims for the Initial Preventive Physical Examination (IPPE), claims with unrelated services denoted with modifier 59, and FQHC claims containing Diabetes Self Management Training (DSMT) and Medical Nutrition Therapy (MNT) services. However, the counseling sessions alone when rendered as a face-to-face visit with a core practitioner do constitute an encounter and are paid based on the all-inclusive payment rate.

Note: For outpatient hospital settings, as in any other setting, services covered under this NCD must be provided by a primary care provider.

200.3 – Professional Billing Requirements

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For claims with dates of service on or after November 29, 2011, CMS will allow coverage for Face-to-Face Behavioral Counseling for Obesity, 15 minutes, G0447, along with 1 of the ICD-9 codes for BMI 30.0-BMI 70 (V85.30-V85.39 and V85.41-V85.45), only when services are submitted by the following provider specialties found on the provider's enrollment record:

01 - General Practice
 08 - Family Practice
 11 - Internal Medicine
 16 - Obstetrics/Gynecology
 37 - Pediatric Medicine
 38 - Geriatric Medicine
 50 - Nurse Practitioner
 89 - Certified Clinical Nurse Specialist
 97 - Physician Assistant

Any claims that are not submitted from one of the provider specialty types noted above will be denied.

For claims with dates of service on or after November 29, 2011, CMS will allow coverage for Face-to-Face Behavioral Counseling for Obesity, 15 minutes, G0447, along

with 1 of the ICD-9 codes for BMI 30.0-BMI 70 (V85.30-V85.39 and V85.41-V85.45), only when submitted with one of the following place of service (POS) codes:

- 11 – Physician’s Office
- 22 – Outpatient Hospital
- 49 – Independent Clinic
- 71 – State or Local Public Health Clinic

Any claims that are not submitted with one of the POS codes noted above will be denied.

200.4 – Claim Adjustment Reason Codes (CARCs), Remittance Advice Remark Codes (RARCs), Group Codes, and Medicare Summary Notice (MSN) Messages

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Contractors shall use the appropriate claim adjustment reason codes (CARCs), remittance advice remark codes (RARCs), group codes, or Medicare summary notice (MSN) messages when denying payment for obesity counseling sessions:

- Denying services submitted on a TOB other than 13X, 71X, 77X, and 85X:

CARC 5 - The procedure code/bill type is inconsistent with the place of service.
Note: Refer to the 835 Healthcare Policy Identification Segment (loop 2110 Service Payment Information REF), if present.

RARC M77 - Missing/incomplete/invalid place of service

MSN 21.25: “This service was denied because Medicare only covers this service in certain settings.”

Group Code PR (Patient Responsibility) assigning financial responsibility to the beneficiary (if a claim is received with a GA modifier indicating a signed ABN is on file).

Group Code CO (Contractual Obligation) assigning financial liability to the provider (if a claim is received with a GZ modifier indicating no signed ABN is on file).

NOTE: For modifier GZ, use CARC 50 and MSN 8.81 per instructions in CR 7228/TR 2148.

- For RHC and FQHC services that contain HCPCS code G0447 with another encounter/visit with the same line item date of service:

Claim Adjustment Reason Code (CARC) 97 – The benefit for this service is included in the payment/allowance for another service/procedure that has already been adjudicated. Note: Refer to the 835 Healthcare Policy Identification Segment (loop 2110 Service Payment Information REF) if present

Group Code CO (Contractual Obligation)

- Denying services for obesity counseling sessions HCPCS code G0447 with 1 of the ICD-9 codes (V85.30-V85.39 or V85.41-V85.45) for more than 22 times in the same 12-month period:

CARC 119 – Benefit maximum for this time period or occurrence has been reached.

RARC N362 – The number of days or units of service exceeds our acceptable maximum.

MSN 20.5 – These services cannot be paid because your benefits are exhausted at this time.

Group Code PR (Patient Responsibility) assigning financial responsibility to the beneficiary (if a claim is received with a GA modifier indicating a signed ABN is on file).

Group Code CO (Contractual Obligation) assigning financial liability to the provider (if a claim is received with a GZ modifier indicating no signed ABN is on file).

NOTE: For modifier GZ, use CARC 50 and MSN 8.81 per instructions in CR 7228/TR 2148.

- Denying claim lines for obesity counseling sessions HCPCS code G0447 without 1 of the appropriate ICD-9 codes (V85.30-V85.39 or V85.41-V85.45):

CARC 167 – This (these) diagnosis(es) is (are) not covered. Note: Refer to the 835 Healthcare Policy Identification Segment (loop 2110 Service Payment Information REF), if present.

RARC N386 – This decision was based on a National Coverage Determination (NCD). An NCD provides a coverage determination as to whether a particular item or service is covered. A copy of this policy is available at www.cms.gov/mcd/search.asp. If you do not have web access, you may contact the contractor to request a copy of the NCD.

MSN 14.9 - Medicare cannot pay for this service for the diagnosis shown on the claim.

Group Code PR (Patient Responsibility) assigning financial responsibility to the beneficiary (if a claim is received with a GA modifier indicating a signed ABN is on file).

Group Code CO (Contractual Obligation) assigning financial liability to the provider (if a claim is received with a GZ modifier indicating no signed ABN is on file).

NOTE: For modifier GZ, use CARC 50 and MSN 8.81 per instructions in CR 7228/TR 2148.

- Denying claim lines without the appropriate POS code:

CARC 58 – Treatment was deemed by the payer to have been rendered in an inappropriate or invalid place of service. Note: Refer to the 835 Healthcare Policy Identification Segment (loop 2110 Service Payment Information REF), if present.

RARC N428 - Not covered when performed in certain settings.

MSN 21.25 - This service was denied because Medicare only covers this service in certain settings.

Group Code PR (Patient Responsibility) assigning financial responsibility to the beneficiary (if a claim is received with a GA modifier indicating a signed ABN is on file).

Group Code CO (Contractual Obligation) assigning financial liability to the provider (if a claim is received with a GZ modifier indicating no signed ABN is on file).

NOTE: For modifier GZ, use CARC 50 and MSN 8.81 per instructions in CR 7228/TR 2148.

- Denying claim lines that are not submitted from the appropriate provider specialties:

CARC 185 - The rendering provider is not eligible to perform the service billed. NOTE: Refer to the 835 Healthcare Policy Identification Segment (loop 2110 Service Payment Information REF), if present.

RARC N95 - This provider type/provider specialty may not bill this service.

MSN 21.18 - This item or service is not covered when performed or ordered by this provider.

Group Code PR (Patient Responsibility) assigning financial responsibility to the beneficiary (if a claim is received with a GA modifier indicating a signed ABN is on file).

Group Code CO (Contractual Obligation) assigning financial liability to the provider (if a claim is received with a GZ modifier indicating no signed ABN is on file).

NOTE: For modifier GZ, use CARC 50 and MSN 8.81 per instructions in CR 7228/TR 2148.

200.5 – Common Working File (CWF) Edits

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When applying frequency, CWF shall count 22 counseling sessions of G0447, along with 1 ICD-9 code from V85.30-V85.39 or V85.41-V85.45 in a 12-month period. When applying frequency limitations to G0447 counseling CWF shall allow both a claim for the professional service and a claim for a facility fee. CWF shall identify the following institutional claims as facility fee claims for this service: TOB 13X, TOB 85X when the revenue code is not 096X, 097X, or 098X. CWF shall identify all other claims as professional service claims. NOTE: This does not apply to RHCs and FQHCs.

Transmittals Issued for this Chapter

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| <u>R2476CP</u> | 05/23/2012 | Screening for Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs) and High Intensity Behavioral Counseling (HIBC) to Prevent STIs (ICD-10) | 02/27/2012 | 7610 |
| <u>R2446CP</u> | 04/26/2012 | New Influenza Virus Vaccine Code | 10/01/2012 | 7794 |
| <u>R2438CP</u> | 04/04/2012 | Revised Editing for Hepatitis B Administration Code G0010 | 07/02/2012 | 7692 |
| <u>R2433CP</u> | 03/26/2012 | Screening and Behavioral Counseling Interventions in Primary Care to Reduce Alcohol Misuse | 12/27/2011 | 7633 |
| <u>R2432CP</u> | 03/23/2012 | Intensive Behavioral Therapy for Cardiovascular Disease | 12/27/2011 | 7636 |
| <u>R2431CP</u> | 03/23/2012 | Screening for Depression in Adults | 12/27/2011 | 7637 |
| <u>R2421CP</u> | 03/07/2012 | Intensive Behavioral Therapy for Obesity | 03/06/2012 | 7641 |
| <u>R2409CP</u> | 02/03/2012 | Intensive Behavioral Therapy for Obesity – Rescinded and replaced by Transmittal 2421 | 03/06/2012 | 7641 |
| <u>R2402CP</u> | 01/26/2012 | Screening for Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs) and High Intensity Behavioral Counseling (HIBC) to Prevent STIs (ICD-10) – Rescinded and replaced by Transmittal 2476 | 07/02/2012 | 7610 |
| <u>R2390CP</u> | 01/25/2012 | Revised Editing for Hepatitis B Administration Code G0010 – Rescinded and replaced by Transmittal 2438 | 07/02/2012 | 7692 |
| <u>R2359CP</u> | 11/23/2011 | Screening for Depression in Adults – Rescinded and replaced by Transmittal 2431 | 12/27/2011 | 7637 |

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| <u>R2358CP</u> | 11/23/2011 | Screening and Behavioral Counseling Interventions in Primary Care to Reduce Alcohol Misuse – Rescinded and replaced by Transmittal 2433 | 12/27/2011 | 7633 |
| <u>R2357CP</u> | 11/23/2011 | Intensive Behavioral Therapy for Cardiovascular Disease – Rescinded and replaced by Transmittal 2432 | 12/27/2011 | 7636 |
| <u>R2337CP</u> | 10/28/2011 | New Influenza Virus Vaccine Code | 04/02/2012 | 7580 |
| <u>R2267CP</u> | 08/01/2011 | Common Working File (CWF) Editing for Influenza Virus Vaccine and Pneumococcal Vaccine Codes | 01/03/2012 | 7461 |
| <u>R2253CP</u> | 07/08/2011 | Influenza Virus Vaccine | 08/08/2011 | 7453 |
| <u>R2233CP</u> | 05/27/2011 | Medicare Preventive and Screening Services | 06/28/2011 | 7423 |
| <u>R2199CP</u> | 04/22/2011 | Screening for the Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) Infection | 07/06/2010 | 6786 |
| <u>R2163CP</u> | 02/23/2011 | Screening for the Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) Infection – Rescinded and replaced by Transmittal 2199 | 07/06/2010 | 6786 |
| <u>R2159CP</u> | 02/15/2011 | Annual Wellness Visit (AWV), Including Personalized Prevention Plan Services (PPPS) | 04/04/2011 | 7079 |
| <u>R2154CP</u> | 02/11/2011 | Payment Update and Common Working File (CWF) Editing for Influenza Virus Vaccine and Pneumococcal Vaccine Codes | 07/05/2011 | 7128 |
| <u>R2109CP</u> | 12/03/2010 | Annual Wellness Visit (AWV), Including Personalized Prevention Plan Services (PPPS) – Rescinded and | 04/04/2011 | 7079 |

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| <u>R2058CP</u> | 09/30/2010 | Counseling to Prevent Tobacco Use | 01/03/2011 | 7133 |
| <u>R1953CP</u> | 04/28/2010 | Use of 12X Type of Bill (TOB) for Billing Colorectal Screening Services | 10/04/2010 | 6760 |
| <u>R1935CP</u> | 03/23/2010 | Screening for the Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) Infection – Rescinded and replaced by Transmittal 2163 | 07/06/2010 | 6786 |
| <u>R1931CP</u> | 03/12/2010 | Revision of the Internet Only Manual (IOM) to Remove References to “Purchased Diagnostic Test” and Replace With Language Consistent With the Anti-Markup Rule | 06/14/2010 | 6627 |
| <u>R1918CP</u> | 02/19/2010 | Screening for the Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) Infection - Rescinded and replaced by Transmittal 1935 | 07/06/2010 | 6786 |
| <u>R1846CP</u> | 11/06/2009 | Implementation of Common Working File (CWF) Editing for Diabetes Self-Management Training (DSMT) and Medical Nutrition Therapy (MNT) | 04/05/2009 | 6553 |
| <u>R1719CP</u> | 04/24/2009 | Rural Health Clinic (RHC) and Federally Qualified Health Clinic (FQHC) Updates | 10/05/2009 | 6445 |
| <u>R1624CP</u> | 10/31/2008 | Reporting of National Provider Identifiers (NPI) on Claims for Out-of-Jurisdiction Purchased Mammography Preventive Screening and Diagnostic Services | 12/01/2008 | 6237 |
| <u>R1617CP</u> | 10/24/2008 | Common Working File (CWF) Editing for Influenza Virus Vaccine and Pneumococcal Vaccine Codes | 04/06/2009 | 6224 |

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| <u>R1615CP</u> | 10/17/2008 | Update to the Initial Preventive Physical Examination (IPPE) Benefit | 01/05/2009 | 6223 |
| <u>R1586CP</u> | 09/05/2008 | Pneumococcal Pneumonia, Influenza Virus, and Hepatitis B Vaccines | 10/06/2008 | 6079 |
| <u>R1541CP</u> | 06/20/2008 | Screening Pelvic Examinations | 09/23/2008 | 6085 |
| <u>R1519CP</u> | 05/30/2008 | Instructions for Institutional Providers and Suppliers Billing Self-Referred Mammography Claims Regarding the Attending/Referring Physician National Provider Identifier | 06/30/2008 | 6023 |
| <u>R1472CP</u> | 03/06/2008 | Update of Institutional Claims References | 04/07/2008 | 5893 |
| <u>R1459CP</u> | 02/22/2008 | Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facility (CORF) Billing Requirement Updates for Fiscal Year (FY) 2008 | 07/07/2008 | 5898 |
| <u>R1461CP</u> | 02/22/2009 | Clarification to CR 5744 - Payment Allowance Update for the Influenza Virus Vaccine CPT 90660 and Further Instruction Regarding the Pneumococcal Vaccine CPT 90669 | 03/24/2008 | 5910 |
| <u>R1421CP</u> | 01/25/2008 | Update of Institutional Claims References - Rescinded and Replaced by Transmittal 1472 | 04/07/2008 | 5893 |
| <u>R1387CP</u> | 12/07/2007 | Mammography: Change Certification-Based Action From Return to Provider (RTP)/Return as Unprocessable to Reject/Denial | 04/07/2008 | 5577 |
| <u>R1325CP</u> | 08/29/2007 | Testing and Implementation of 2008 Ambulatory Surgical Center (ASC) Payment System Changes | 01/07/2008 | 5680 |

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| <u>R1308CP</u> | 07/20/2007 | Testing and Implementation of 2008 Ambulatory Surgical Center (ASC) Payment System Changes – Replaced by Transmittal 1325 | 01/07/2008 | 5680 |
| <u>R1278CP</u> | 06/29/2007 | Update to Pub.100-04, Chapter 18, Section 10 for Part B Influenza Billing | 07/30/2007 | 5511 |
| <u>R1255CP</u> | 05/25/2007 | Guidelines for Payment of Diabetes Self-Management Training DSMT) | 07/02/2007 | 5433 |
| <u>R1217CP</u> | 03/30/2007 | Update to Internet Only Manual (IOM) Publication 100-04, Chapter 18, Section 60.1 | 07/02/2007 | 5541 |
| <u>R1160CP</u> | 01/19/2007 | Colorectal Cancer Screening Flexible Sigmoidoscopy and Colonoscopy Coinsurance Payment Change | 07/02/2007 | 5387 |
| <u>R1158CP</u> | 01/19/2007 | Guidelines for Diabetes Self-Management Training (DSMT) – Replaced by Transmittal 1255 | 07/02/2007 | 5433 |
| <u>R1117CP</u> | 11/24/2006 | Reporting of Type of Bill (TOB) 12X for Billing of Diagnostic Mammographies | 04/02/2007 | 5377 |
| <u>R1113CP</u> | 11/17/2006 | Implementation of an Ultrasound Screening for Abdominal Aortic Aneurysms (AAA) | 01/02/2007 | 5235 |
| <u>R1111CP</u> | 11/09/2006 | Clarification on Billing for Cryosurgery of the Prostate Gland | 04/02/2007 | 5376 |
| <u>R1070CP</u> | 09/29/2006 | New Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) Mammography Codes Sensitive | 01/02/2007 | 5327 |
| <u>R1062CP</u> | 09/22/2006 | Termination of Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) Code G0107, Colorectal Cancer Screening, Fecal Occult Blood Test | 01/02/2007 | 5292 |

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| <u>R1051CP</u> | 09/08/2006 | Claims Submission Instructions for Institutional Providers Billing Vaccine Claims In Cases Where a National Provider Identifier (NPI) is Not Available | 05/23/2007 | 4239 |
| <u>R1014CP</u> | 07/28/2006 | Implementation of an Ultrasound Screening for Abdominal Aortic Aneurysms (AAA) | 01/02/2007 | 5235 |
| <u>R1004CP</u> | 07/21/2006 | Non-Application of Deductible for Colorectal Cancer Screening Tests | 01/02/2007 | 5127 |
| <u>R921CP</u> | 04/28/2006 | Reporting Diagnosis Code V06 6 on Influenza Virus and/or Pnuemococcal Pneumonia Virus (PPV) Vaccine Claims and Acceptance of Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) Code 90660 For Reporting Influenza Virus Vaccine | 10/02/2006 | 5037 |
| <u>R916CP</u> | 04/28/2006 | Correct Reporting of Diagnosis Codes on Screening Mammography Claims | 10/02/2006 | 5050 |
| <u>R913CP</u> | 04/21/2006 | Mammography Quality Standard Act (MQSA) File | 07/07/2006 | 4396 |
| <u>R905CP</u> | 04/14/2006 | Mammography Quality Standard Act (MQSA) File | 05/15/2006 | 4396 |
| <u>R895CP</u> | 03/24/2006 | Expansion of Glaucoma Screening Services | 04/03/2006 | 4365 |
| <u>R890CP</u> | 03/17/2006 | Guidelines for Payment of Vaccine (Pneumococcal Pneumonia Virus, Influenza Virus, and Hepatitis B Virus) Administration | 07/03/2006 | 4240 |

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| <u>R844CP</u> | 02/10/2006 | Guidelines for Payment of Vaccine (Pneumococcal Pneumonia Virus, Influenza Virus, and Hepatitis B Virus) Administration | 03/17/2006 | 4240 |
| <u>R829CP</u> | 02/02/2006 | Roster Billing for Mass Immunizers Billing for Inpatient Part B Services (Type of Bills (TOB) 12X and 22X) | 07/03/2006 | 4242 |
| <u>R828CP</u> | 02/02/2006 | Mammography Facility Certification File – Updated Procedures and Content | 07/03/2006 | 4303 |
| <u>R827CP</u> | 02/01/2006 | Use of 12X Type of Bill (TOB) for Billing Screening Mammography, Screening Pelvic Examinations, and Screening Pap Smears | 07/03/2006 | 4243 |
| <u>R821CP</u> | 02/01/2006 | Billing and Payment of Certain Colorectal Cancer Screening for Non-Patients Type of Bill (TOB) 14X | 07/03/2006 | 4272 |
| <u>R795CP</u> | 12/30/2005 | Redefined Type of Bill (TOB) 14X for Non-Patient Laboratory Specimens-CR 3835 Manualization | 04/03/2006 | 4208 |
| <u>R705CP</u> | 10/07/2005 | Modification to Reporting of Diagnosis Codes for Screening Mammography Claims | 07/05/2005 | 3562 |
| <u>R681CP</u> | 09/16/2005 | Guidelines for Payment of Vaccines (Pneumococcal Pneumonia Virus (PPV), Influenza Virus, and Hepatitis B Virus) and Their Administration Provided by Indian Health Service (IHS)/Tribally Owned and/or Operated Hospitals and Hospital Based Facilities | 01/03/2006 | 3967 |
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